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Gas bar. Not welcome

▶ Victoria Nolan and her service dog, Vegas, outside the Esso station gas bar at O'Connor and Coxwell avenues.

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Gas bar denies Paralympian

Victoria Nolan says she is going to take legal action after being refused service at an Esso station store — even though she explained Vegas was a seeing-eye dog. Nolan won a silver medal for Canada at the world rowing championships as part of a Paralympian rowing crew. **Story, page 4.**

TTC sets date for pink slips

TTC memo indicates workers will get job notice on Sept. 19

TTC chief general manager Gary Webster issued a memo yesterday morning apologizing for the fact that many of the system's 10,000 workers heard the news of up to 900 job cuts in the Toronto Star.

Appealing to his employees' professionalism, he noted that one proposal for balancing the transit system's budget was to eliminate 311 jobs, including management, professional, technical and clerical positions, plus a further 171 frontline positions.

The Toronto Star reported that 500 TTC jobs could be targeted for outsourcing.

The TTC will confront its 2012 operating, capital and Wheel-Trans budgets at a special meeting Friday. It faces an $85-million operating shortfall in 2012, in addition to a $16-million operating shortfall for Wheel-Trans and a $1.5 billion capital shortfall over the next decade.

"Today, the TTC will release its 2012 operating and capital budget reports for consideration by the Commission at a special meeting this Friday, September 16. Both of the TTC's budget reports will be online at ttc.ca at noon today," the notice yesterday to all TTC employees said.

The memo notes that TTC ridership is expected to increase to 503 million next year.

"The City of Toronto, which funds the TTC's operating subsidy and capital budget, is, itself, facing a $774 million operating budget shortfall. Difficult decisions will have to be made for next year," the memo says.

"You will note ... that staff have made several recommendations that allow it to balance the operating budget. One of those recommendations is the elimination of 311 jobs, including management, professional, technical and clerical positions, plus a further 171 frontline jobs. The latter will occur through attrition. Affected positions are not identified in any public report," the memo adds.

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Excerpts from memo

"Unfortunately, much of the content ... was leaked to the media.... I am sorry this occurred.... We are trying to be sensitive through this difficult process."

"One of those recommendations is the elimination of 311 jobs ... plus a further 171 frontline jobs.

"A voluntary separation package ... is also being prepared for non-unionized employees."

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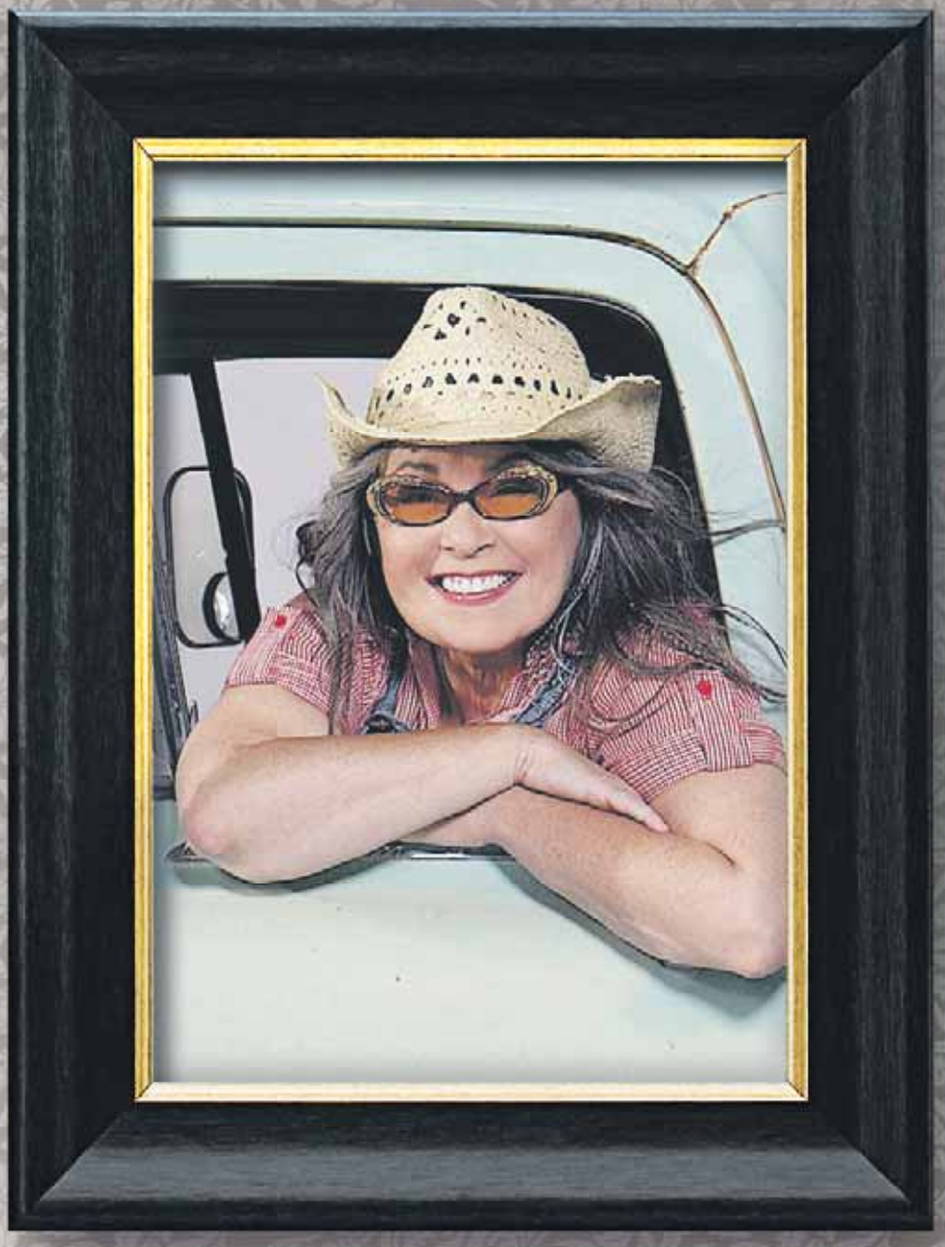

Roseanne's Nuts

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Margaret Atwood beats Doug Ford

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▶ Margaret Atwood

The winners of two competing political essay contests won't be announced until later this week, but in the battle between the contests themselves, we have a champion.

It could be that more people in Toronto love libraries than hate taxes. Or maybe they love Margaret Atwood more than Doug Ford.

Either way, the Toronto Public Library Workers Union's Why My Library Matters to Me challenge drew more than twice as many entries as the Toronto Taxpayers Coalition's rival Lower Taxes Are Good For Toronto Because… contest.

When both deadlines closed last Friday, the library had "well over" 500 submissions.

The taxpayer's coalition decided to extend its deadline until Monday night, says president Matthew McGuire, after numerous interested parties inquired if they could submit something late.

In total, 250 people entered the coalition's fill-in-the-blanks challenge.

Judges from both are going over the essay and video entries now.

The library union will choose 50 winners, each of whom will receive a meal date with one of 11 famous Canadian authors, including Atwood, Michael Ondaatje and Jeremy Tankard.

Taxpayers Coalition president Matthew McGuire said about 50 high-quality entrants will be entered in a draw for four prizes of lunch dates with other tax-hating Torontonians: Ford, Sun columnist Sue-Ann Levy, outspoken Conservative and Sun TV host Ezra Levant and Michael Coren, another controversial Sun News Network personality. **TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE**

Choosing space over savings

Survey respondents opt for tax or fare hikes rather than packing more people per bus

An overwhelming number of people would prefer property tax hikes and fare increases to packing more people on the TTC, according to an informal survey at thestar.com.

Of the 6,379 responses received by 5 p.m. yesterday, 48 per cent — 3,056 votes — favoured a property tax increase to packing more people onto transit. Twenty per cent — 1,290 votes — supported a fare increase.

The results were in response to a report by the city manager Monday suggesting the TTC re-consider its loading standards to save money.

Only 11 per cent — 732 votes — favoured increased passenger loads to help the TTC make up an $85 million shortfall in its 2012 operating budget.

About 13 per cent of poll respondents preferred the TTC charge higher prices on some routes, and eight per cent favoured cutting routes.

The TTC has a standard of 48 riders on its buses — that's the average number per hour per vehicle. If ridership regularly exceeds that level, transit officials are supposed to add more buses to the route. That average was lowered in 2003 from 53 riders.

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Report

▶ **Recommendation.** A report released by the TTC yesterday recommended the frequency of buses be reduced on some routes, which would naturally mean more people packing onto a vehicle.

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▶ Crowds converge at a subway station Monday evening during another busy commute.

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BUDGET REPORT

TTC buses could get more crowded

There's no 10-cent fare hike actively under discussion — yet. But the TTC's chief executive is warning that transit riders should probably brace for sardine-like conditions on the buses and the possibility of higher ticket prices in the new year.

Gary Webster said a fare increase is probably unavoidable, given that the transit system has a $30 million outstanding shortfall on its 2012 operating budget.

A budget report released yesterday by the TTC recommends a host of stringent cost-cutting measures, including a return to old crowding standards on buses and the termination of Wheel-Trans service to some dialysis patients. But that won't be enough to eliminate a combined $101 million operating shortfall being faced next year by the TTC.

The report is before city councillors on the commission at a meeting Friday. But that is too soon to put ticket prices on the table, Webster said, since transit officials continue to search for other efficiencies this fall.

"We can make a decision in December and still have a fare increase in January," he said.

It's the return to pre-2008 loading standards that will affect most customers. Riders will be packed tighter and wait longer on about 50 rush-hour routes and about 60 routes in the off-peak, in a bid to save $11.7 million annually. This comes as the TTC expects record ridership next year of about 15 million more trips. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Anger at pet policy incident

PAUL HUNTER/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

▶ Victoria Nolan and her previous guide-dog Angus are seen after working out at the Toronto Argonaut Rowing Club last year.

Blind rowing champion, guide dog turned away at gas station

In just over a week, Victoria Nolan has gone from winning silver at the World Rowing Championships in Bled, Slovenia, to being told she and her guide dog weren't welcome at an Esso station.

The 36-year-old, who has lost all but three per cent of her vision to a degenerative eye disease, was with her guide dog and following her husband, Eamonn, into an Esso station with a coffee outlet at O'Connor Drive and Coxwell Avenue on Sunday when she heard a man shouting at her to leave.

"He started yelling, saying 'You can't come in here, there's no pets allowed in here,'" recalled Nolan, who is a member of the adaptive or Paralympic Canadian rowing team that won a silver medal at the world championships that ended Sept. 4.

She says she told the Esso employee "This isn't a pet, it's a guide dog and he said, 'I don't care'" and told her to get out.

"I was shocked … he was so angry and hostile," said Nolan. "He really wasn't interested in what I said."

An Esso spokesperson said it was looking into the matter.

"This is a regrettable incident," said Laura Bishop, a spokesperson for Imperial Oil, which owns Esso. "What I can tell you is our retailers are instructed to allow service dogs on our retail sites and … convenience stores. We cannot allow animals that are not service animals into our stores due to health regulations." TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Misunderstood remarks land prof in hot water

A half-listening student, a hypersensitive campus and the speed at which gossip travels on the Internet conspired to create a very damaging game of broken telephone for one York University professor this week.

Cameron Johnston, who has been teaching at York for more than 30 years, has been forced to respond to allegations that he made anti-Semitic remarks in a lecture on Monday afternoon after a student misunderstood his comments and began sending emails to Jewish groups and the media.

Johnston was giving his introductory lecture to Social Sciences 1140: "Self, Culture and Society," when he explained to the nearly 500 students that the course was going to focus on texts, not opinions, and despite what they may have heard elsewhere, everyone is not entitled to their opinion.

"All Jews should be sterilized" would be an example of an unacceptable and dangerous opinion, Johnston told the students.

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▶ Cameron Johnston, a social sciences and humanities professor at York University

He didn't notice Sarah Grunfeld storm out. Grunfeld, a 22-year-old in her final year at York, understood Johnston's example to be his personal opinion.

She contacted Oriyah Barzilay, the president of Hasbara at York — an Israel advocacy group on campus — who then sent a press release to media and other Jewish community groups calling for Johnston to be fired.

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Sensitive subject

- Sensitivities around anti-Semitism are particularly heightened at York, which has a large Jewish population and a history of toxic relations between pro- and anti-Israeli groups on campus.
- Johnston, who is Jewish, said his religion likely influenced his choice of words, why he used "this example of a completely reprehensible opinion" with historical precedent.

Ford support down: Opinion poll

Mayor Rob Ford's handling of the 2012 budget has badly shaken Torontonians' faith in him, according to a new opinion poll that finds his popular support dropping like a rock across the city.

The Forum Research survey of 1,046 Torontonians conducted Monday after the release of city manager Joe Pennachetti's recommended budget cuts, pegs Ford's support at 42 per cent — a big drop from 57 per cent on June 1, and 60 per cent in late February.

Lorne Bozinoff, the Forum president independently tracking Ford's support each quarter, said the mayor's "very low" numbers are only likely to sink.

"This drop in support has come without any cutbacks actually coming into effect, we're only at the idea stage," Bozinoff said. "This is a ceiling — I think it's going to get a lot worse for him before it gets better.

"He campaigned on a gravy train, none was found and the reality of cuts to services that residents rely on, often daily, is setting in."

The poll also found no public appetite for the major KPMG-suggested cuts Pennachetti is forwarding to the executive committee Monday.

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▶ Mayor Rob Ford

Car impact throws woman through fence

A woman in her 20s is in a Toronto hospital with serious injuries after being thrown through a fence when she was hit by a car.

Police say the woman was hit after a car went out of control on Lumsden Avenue in the Woodbine Avenue and Mortimer Avenue area. Investigators say it appears there was a two-vehicle crash and one of the vehicles left the road, striking the woman.

Sgt. John Winter says several planks in the fence were knocked out when the woman was "catapulted" through the wooden fence.

Winter says the woman landed on the grass about a metre beyond the fence. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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MURDER INVESTIGATION

Police scour Quebec pig farm for clues

A long-standing disappearance in Quebec is now a murder probe with gruesome hallmarks of the Robert Pickton case in British Columbia thanks to advances in forensic technology, police said yesterday.

As in the Pickton investigation, police have identified a sprawling pig farm as key to what happened to Diane Grégoire, 51, who was last seen in a mall parking lot on Montreal's south shore in 2008.

Yesterday, a large contingent of provincial and local police from Longueuil were still busy setting up equipment at the Shefford Pig Farm in rural Saint-Valérien-de-Milton, about 90 kilometres east of Montreal. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

McGuinty courts urban votes with welfare pledge

Province will take on more social service responsibilities Hudak won't make same commitment: Grits

Toronto and other Ontario municipalities will be under more pressure to cut spending if the Progressive Conservatives form the next provincial government, Premier Dalton McGuinty warned yesterday.

As Toronto braces for proposed new cuts to deal with a massive budget shortfall, the Liberal leader is courting taxpayers in Canada's most populous city — a key battleground in the upcoming Oct. 6 election.

"I can also say this to Toronto taxpayers: We are very committed to continuing to upload social service responsibilities which were downloaded by a previous government," he said after touring two plants in Toronto that manufacture components for solar panels.

"Our uploading in fact will save $170 million in new costs for Toronto property taxpayers," McGuinty said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Uploading costs

Liberal officials said they've uploaded $600 million to date from municipalities in welfare and court security costs.

If re-elected, the Liberals have pledged to continue uploading a further $171 million from Toronto by 2018.

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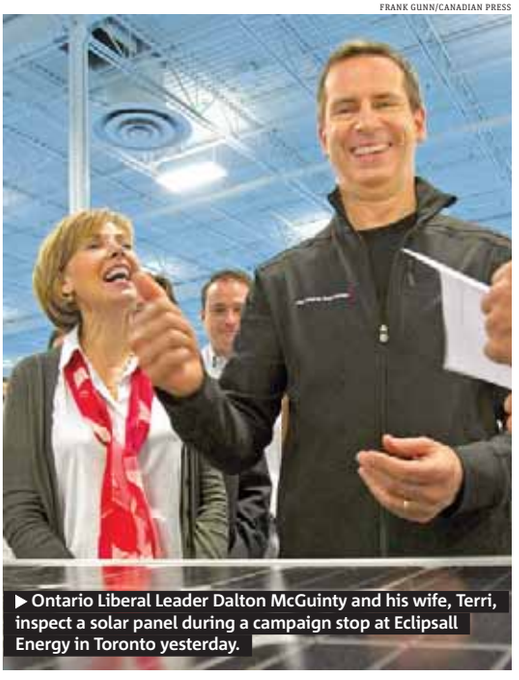

Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty and his wife, Terri, inspect a solar panel during a campaign stop at Eclipsall Energy in Toronto yesterday.

PC briefing notes leaked to Liberals

A week after the Ontario election campaign began with an embarrassing leak of the Liberal platform, the Liberals are turning the tables on the Progressive Conservatives.

Just as PC Leader Tim Hudak was about to hold a campaign event yesterday to attack the government over the eHealth scandal, someone gave all of the party's background materials to the Liberals.

A copy of the documents shows the Liberals were given Hudak's speech, his talking points, the questions he could expect from the media along with scripted answers, plus so-called "proof points" to show how the Liberals have wasted money. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hudak finds more ammo in eHealth scandal

Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak shifted tactics yesterday, moving from his war on a tax credit for new Canadians to a persistent tear in the Liberals' armour — the eHealth scandal.

"Dalton McGuinty has been looking the other way these past eight years while fancy eHealth consultants have lived limousine lifestyles," Hudak said at a campaign event in London.

"That's why we're going to have a thorough review of every one of our 630 agencies, boards and commissions."

Hudak and his party spent months hammering the Liberals over eHealth after the scandal broke three years ago, relishing in every little detail — from $10-million contracts to Liberal-friendly firms to consultants who, while making thousands of dollars a day, expensed $3.99 Choco-Bites.

The agency fired its upper management and promised to do better — despite thousands of dollars paid in severance to the departing executives. Most recently, bureaucrats at eHealth were promised bonuses and merit raises, even though the government had implemented a wage freeze for public sector workers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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PC Leader Tim Hudak signs a jersey for an old friend, Jody Anderson, during a campaign stop in Chatham, Ont. yesterday.

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Gunmen. Attack

▶ A woman is helped after gunmen in Iraq killed 22 Shiite Muslim pilgrims on their way to Syria, yesterday. Officials said they were passing through a predominantly Sunni Iraqi province from the shrine city of Karbala when they were shot.

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Syrian forces launch new assault

Syrian security forces riding in vehicles mounted with machine-guns raided neighbourhoods outside the capital of Damascus before dawn yesterday. The raids were the latest assault on dissent in Syria as the regime tries to crush an uprising against President Bashar Assad's rule. They come as Turkey's prime minister says he is concerned Syria could descend into a sectarian civil war.

Taliban attack U.S. Embassy, NATO H.Q.

◗ Raises doubts about Afghans' ability to secure nation as troops begin to withdraw ◗ Seven Afghans killed

Taliban insurgents firing rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons struck at the U.S. Embassy, NATO headquarters and other buildings in the Afghan capital yesterday

The co-ordinated daylight attack sent foreigners dashing for cover and terrified the city from midday well into the night as U.S. helicopters buzzed overhead. No embassy or NATO staff members were hurt.

Late yesterday, at least two gunmen remained holed up on the top floors of an apartment building from which they and other militants had attacked the heavily fortified embassy.

The militants' seeming ability to strike at will in the most heavily defended part of Kabul suggested that they may have had help from rogue elements in the Afghan security forces. The attacks coincided with suicide bombings elsewhere in the capital — the first time insurgents have organized such a complex assault against multiple targets in separate parts of the city.

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Taliban assaults

- The Taliban and related groups have staged more than a dozen assaults in Kabul this year, including three attacks since June.
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Authors sue universities

Schools planning to make books available online for students, faculty

Authors and authors' groups in the United States, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom are suing the University of Michigan and four other universities, seeking to stop the creation of online libraries made up of millions of copyright-protected books they say were scanned without authorization.

The lawsuit accuses the University of Michigan of creating a repository known as HathiTrust where unlimited downloads could be accessed by students and faculty members of so-called orphan works, which are out-of-print books whose writers could not be located.

The authors said they obtained from Google the unauthorized scans of an estimated seven million copyright-protected books. They said the schools had pooled the unauthorized files at Michigan.

The lawsuit seeks to impound the digital copies of the works along with other unspecified damages.

Paul Courant, the dean of libraries at the University of Michigan, said Google had digitized about 5 million books out of its library. He said it was of "great value" to students and faculty to get the books online.

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Argentina. Crash

Carnage can be seen following a crash involving two passenger trains and a bus in Buenos Aires yesterday.

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Train slams into bus

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Miss Universe reaches out to her nation

Focus on HIV globally a priority

Newly crowned Miss Universe Leila Lopes wants to help her native Angola further escape a history of war and impoverishment and said she plans to focus on combating HIV around the globe.

Speaking in a timid voice yesterday shortly after taking the crown in Sao Paulo, Brazil — South America's largest city — the 25-year-old Lopes said that, "as Miss Angola I've already done a lot to help my people."

"I've worked with various social causes. I work with poor kids, I work in the fight against HIV. I work to protect the elderly and I have to do everything that my country needs," she said. "I think now as Miss Universe I will be able to do much more."

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▶ Miss Angola Leila Lopes reacts after being named Miss Universe 2011 in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Lopes is Angola's first winner. She beat out 88 other competitors during the 60th anniversary of the world's biggest beauty pageant. She replaces Ximena Navarrete of Mexico.

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Underage unions rife in Brazil

Census figures from 2010 show that nearly 43,000 children under 14 years of age are living with a partner in Brazil in defiance of laws forbidding it. Brazil's penal code prohibits marriage with children under 14 and defines sex with them as statutory rape. Helen Sanches, president of the Brazilian Association of Judges, Prosecutors and Public Defenders in Juvenile Court, was quoted by the Estado de Sao Paulo newspaper yesterday saying that it's not uncommon for families to ask the court for permission to marry off a daughter younger than 14, and many are unaware it is against the law.

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Dawson. Shooting

▶ Students hug yesterday during the opening of a peace garden at Dawson College in Montreal to mark the fifth anniversary of a shooting rampage by Kimveer Gill that left 18-year-old student Anastasia De Sousa dead and 19 injured.

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Peace garden marks grim anniversary

Hopley arrested

Charged with kidnapping, abducting a child under 14

The man arrested yesterday on kidnapping and child abduction charges in the disappearance of three-year-old Kienan Hebert was found hiding in an old mining cabin in southwestern Alberta, his scent picked up by a police dog.

Randall Hopley, 46, was arrested in a remote area near Crowsnest Pass, a short drive away from Kienan's home in Sparwood, B.C. It was from that two-storey house in Sparwood where Kienan vanished nearly a week ago, and it was there that he mysteriously reappeared this past Sunday.

The circumstances surrounding Hopley's arrest were outlined by RCMP officials late yesterday afternoon as Hopley himself sat in a Cranbrook jail, awaiting a court appearance that was expected to take place this morning.

Insp. Brendan Fitzpatrick said a tip led police to an area near Crowsnest Lake, not far from a local bible camp. The Mounties arrived Monday night, said Fitzpatrick, when a perimeter was set up and police dogs began combing the area.

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An Important Notice Regarding Your Personal Health Information

This notice is being issued to help people with diabetes or at risk of having diabetes decide whether or not they want to consent to having their personal health information shared in the Diabetes Registry and the Diabetes Testing Report.

The Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) is working to help individuals better manage their diabetes and their diabetes care. As part of this effort, eHealth Ontario is creating and will be operating a Diabetes Registry to give health care providers the ability to easily check patient records, access diagnostic information, receive patient alerts, and track the care a patient with diabetes receives. The implementation of the Diabetes Registry is a first step towards achieving a province-wide Electronic Health Record for eligible Ontarians.

The MOHLTC currently uses the paper-based Diabetes Testing Report to keep your primary care provider (physician or nurse practitioner in a Nurse Practitioner-Led Clinic) informed of when you last had the following three key tests that people living with diabetes should receive on a regular basis:

- the HbA1C blood glucose control test, which patients should receive at least every six months
- the LDL-C cholesterol test, which patients should receive approximately every year
- a retinal eye exam, which patients should receive at least every two years

In order to create the Diabetes Testing Report, your primary care provider shares personal health information, including your name, OHIP number, and date of birth with the MOHLTC. He or she will also confirm whether you have diabetes. In response, the MOHLTC will share the most recent date for each of the three key tests with your primary care provider.

Starting in Fall 2011, eHealth Ontario will begin operating the Diabetes Registry and other Electronic Health Record applications to permit health care providers to access your name, OHIP number, date of birth, and clinical information such as procedure dates and test results, in real time, when they are providing you with health care. The MOHLTC will continue to send Diabetes Testing Reports to primary care providers until they transition to the Diabetes Registry.

Protecting Your Privacy

The MOHLTC will share your personal health information through eHealth Ontario and the Diabetes Registry with health care providers when they are providing you with health care. The collection, use, and disclosure of your personal health information by the MOHLTC and health care providers, are subject to the *Personal Health Information Protection Act, 2004* (PHIPA). eHealth Ontario is also subject to PHIPA.

Your privacy is important. You may decide that you do not want your primary care provider to disclose your name, OHIP number, and date of birth, and confirm that you are a patient with diabetes, to the MOHLTC, and that you do not want the MOHLTC to include the dates of your last HbA1C, LDL-C, and retinal eye exam in your provider's Diabetes Testing Reports.

You may also withhold or withdraw your consent so that your personal health information will not be shared with health care providers through the Diabetes Registry without your express consent.

If you do not want your personal health information shared through the Diabetes Registry and/or the Diabetes Testing Report, this will in no way affect your relationship with your health care providers, who will continue to provide health care to you.

If you previously withheld or withdrew your consent from having your personal health information included in Diabetes Testing Reports, your consent will also be withdrawn from the Diabetes Registry. However, if you previously withheld or withdrew your consent from the Diabetes Testing Report, but would like your information to be accessible by health care providers through the Diabetes Registry, you will need to reinstate your consent by following the instructions set out below.

Deciding Not to Share Your Information

If you wish to withhold or withdraw your consent to having your information disclosed between your primary care provider and the MOHLTC for Diabetes Testing Reports and/or if you wish to withhold or withdraw your consent to having your personal health information accessed by health care providers through the Diabetes Registry, you may call **1-800-291-1405 (TTY: 1-800-387-5559)**.

If you have previously withheld or withdrawn your consent to have your information included on the Diabetes Testing Report and you do not want to participate in the Diabetes Testing Report or the Diabetes Registry, you do not need to withhold or withdraw your consent again.

If you have previously withheld or withdrawn your consent and wish to reinstate your consent to participate in the Diabetes Testing Report and/or the Diabetes Registry, you can do so by calling the number above.

More information about diabetes and the Diabetes Registry can be found at **www.ontario.ca/diabetes**.

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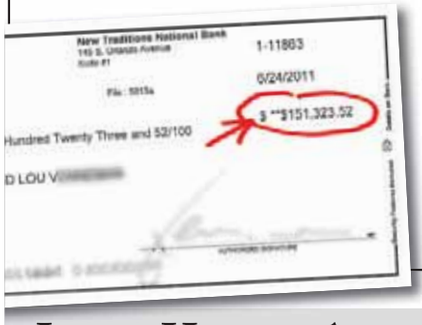

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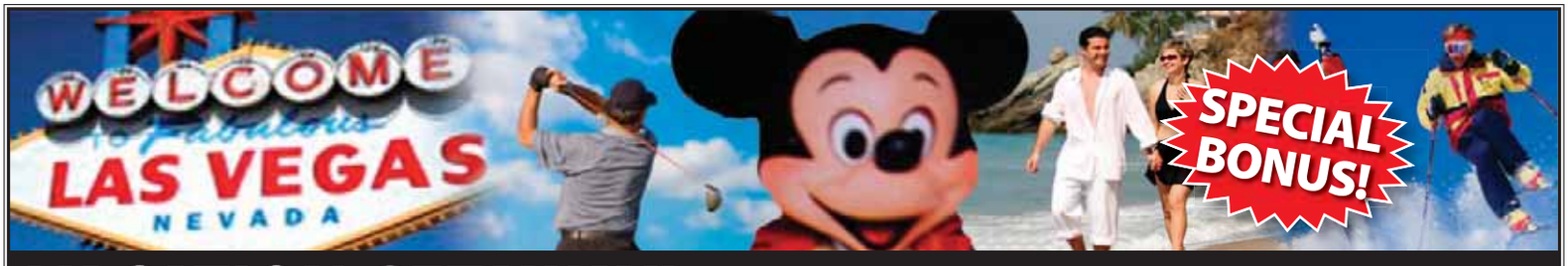

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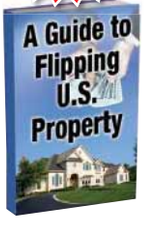

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▶ Nneka Elliott

Since going into business for herself in May, former CP24 do-it-all personality Nneka Elliott has traded an anchor's desk for a desk at her home office, but yesterday she was at the Pantages Hotel on Victoria Street, scouting out a space for an upcoming event she's organizing.

While touring third-floor meeting spaces she peeked into a room that was empty except for a boardroom table, chairs and an easel with a large sheet of paper bearing the words "Fake It With Conviction."

Elliott knows all about that. In 2005 she landed a reporting gig at 1010 CFRB even though she still hadn't graduated from Ryerson. And in 2007 she was hired as a presenter on The Weather Network even though she had never worked in front of a camera.

That she learned so quickly on each of those jobs — parlaying the Weather Network job into the CP24 spot — is right in line with one of her many mantras, "Fake it till you make it."

But when the 27-year-old left CP24, she was for real.

In May, Elliott founded The Media Huddle, a start-up that specializes in training and networking for aspiring journalists, experienced pros, and for companies.

In October, the company will host the fifth event in its monthly seminar series, titled "You're Up!" and which Elliot describes as speed dating for media professionals.

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▶ A homeless man plays his guitar while panhandling on the street in New York City in June.

Canada's income gap widening faster than peers'

Canada is rapidly catching up to the United States as a country divided between haves and have-nots, according to a study issued yesterday by the Conference Board.

The Conference Board says income inequality has been rising more in Canada than in the United States since the mid-1990s, and faster than in many peer countries.

In fact, the think-tank says Canada had the fourth-largest increase in income disparity among a sample group of 17 advanced economies in the period between the mid-1990s and the late 2000s.

"Even though the U.S. currently has the largest rich-poor income gap among these countries, the gap in Canada has been rising at a faster rate," said Anne Golden, the board's chief executive.

Overall, income inequality rose in 10 of the countries sampled, rising fastest in Sweden, Finland and Denmark.

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U.S. poverty rate soars to 1 in 6

50 million Americans go without health coverage, report reveals

The ranks of America's poor swelled to almost one in six people last year, reaching a new high as long-term unemployment left millions of Americans struggling and out of work. The number of uninsured edged up to 49.9 million, the biggest in more than two decades.

The Census Bureau's annual report released yesterday offers a snapshot of the economic well-being of U.S. households for 2010, when joblessness hovered above nine per cent for a second year. It comes at a politically sensitive time for President Barack Obama, who has acknowledged in the midst of a re-election fight that the unemployment rate could persist at high levels through next year.

The overall poverty rate climbed to 15.1 per cent, or 46.2 million, up from 14.3 per cent in 2009. The official poverty level is an annual income of $22,314 US for a family of four.

Reflecting the lingering impact of the recession, the U.S. poverty rate from 2007-2010 has now risen faster than any three-year period since the early 1980s, when a crippling energy crisis amid government cutbacks contributed to inflation, spiraling interest rates and unemployment.

Measured by total numbers, the 46 million now living in poverty is the largest on record dating back to when the census began tracking poverty in 1959. Based on percentages, it tied the poverty level in 1993 and was the highest since 1983.

The median household income was $49,445 US, down 2.3 per cent from 2009.

The latest numbers, which cover Obama's second year in office, offer political fodder for both parties as Obama seeks to push a new $447-billion US plan for creating jobs and stimulating the economy.

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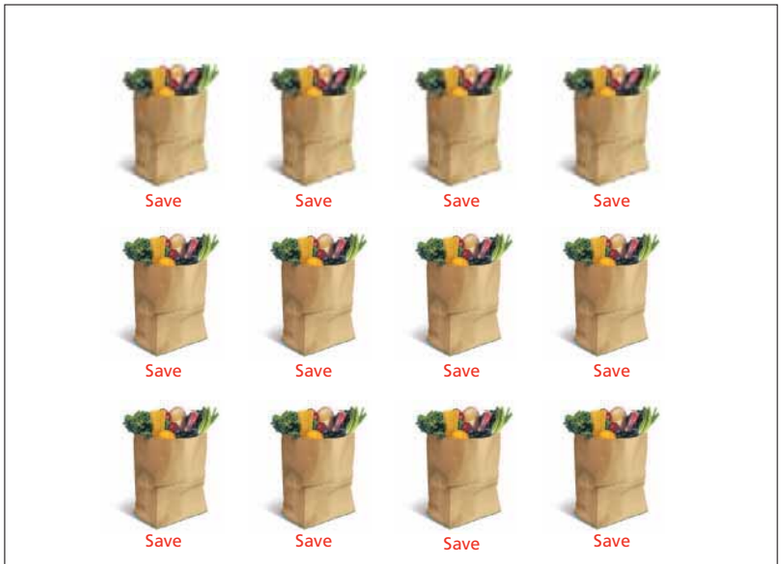
Other findings

- Poverty rose among all race and ethnic groups except Asians.
- The number of Hispanics in poverty increased to 26.6 per cent from 25.3 per cent.
- For blacks, it increased to 27.4 per cent from 25.8 per cent.
- The number of whites in poverty rose to 9.9 per cent from 9.4 per cent.



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Fraud convictions upheld in Livent case

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▶ Livent co-founder Garth Drabinsky

Disgraced impresarios Garth Drabinsky and Myron Gottlieb, whose company Livent Inc. was once the toast of the Canadian theatre scene, remain guilty of fraud but will serve shorter prison terms, Ontario's highest court has ruled.

The Ontario Court of Appeal upheld the fraud convictions handed down by a lower court in 2009, but trimmed their jail time by two years each — Drabinsky must now serve five years behind bars, and Gottlieb four years.

The two were convicted after Ontario court Judge Mary Lou Benotto found that during a nine-year span they manipulated the income reported by Livent, once the driving force behind Canadian and Broadway theatre hits like The Phantom of the Opera and Showboat.

At the time of their trial, Benotto imposed a sentence that took into account the magnitude of the company's collapse — it was estimated at the time that investors lost some $500 million when the company went bankrupt in 1998.

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News in brief

Air Canada facing strike

DISPUTE. Air Canada could face its second work stoppage this year after flight attendants overwhelmingly endorsed a strike that could begin as early as next week.

The Canadian Union of Public Employees said yesterday that after a 10-day vote, employees voted 98 per cent to back a strike.

Unless a last-minute deal is reached, 6,800 flight attendants could walk off the job Sept. 21.

The key areas of dispute are wages, pensions and crew rest, working conditions and work rules, said Jeff Taylor, head of the flight attendants' union.

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Loonie finds lift

REBOUND. The Canadian dollar found lift against its U.S. counterpart yesterday, as a rebound in commodity prices overshadowed some troubling economic signs.

The loonie added 0.19 of a cent to 100.98 cents US. On Monday, it had sunk as low as 99.73 cents US, its lowest level since Jan. 31.

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JUST SAYIN' ...

PAUL SULLIVAN
METRO

Quick quiz: Who is the most admired person on Earth, living or dead? If your list starts with Martin Luther King Jr., you get the kewpie doll. For example, in a recent survey of 2,000 U.S. high school students, Dr. King was No. 1 above Benjamin Franklin and even Oprah, the only living admirable person who made the list. On survey after survey he's right up there with Gandhi, Nelson Mandela and Winnie the Pooh (even though he is a bear of very little brain, OK?)

If your list started with Jackie Kennedy Onassis, you're eligible for therapy. She was probably the most notorious woman of her generation, but hardly the most admired. True, as U.S. first lady, she put up with serial adulterer John Kennedy until he was assassinated. But when she married Aristotle Onassis, the creepy Greek shipping magnate, she became an object of cynical disdain, especially when, once widowed, she launched a two-year legal battle to extract $26 million out of Christina Onassis, Ari's daughter and sole heir.

"If he was discovered in a hotel room with another woman in 2011, King would make an entirely different list, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eliot Spitzer and the much-admired Anthony Weiner, not to mention Jackie's husband JFK, who brought a whole new meaning to 'affairs of state.'"

Here's an ironic historical footnote. Recently released interview tapes reveal that when she was first lady, Jackie thought King was "tricky" and "phoney" because the FBI caught him with a woman in his hotel room.

This was before it became apparent that "John Kennedy Slept Here" was a whole different story than "George Washington Slept Here."

It's not really fair to judge Jackie with the benefit of hindsight, but that tricky phoney has his own national holiday, Martin Luther King boulevards in every U.S. 'burg and more than 10,000 (and who knows the degree to which his fame extends to hamlets) public schools, community centres and libraries.

Jackie has the reservoir in Central Park, although once again I'm being unfair. She is also memorialized in a white gazebo in Middleburg, Va., where she often participated in the bizarre practice of inducing hounds to chase and tear apart a fox.

I'm not sure why Jackie O. was oblivious to greatness, athough I harbour graceless suspicions. Give her the benefit of the doubt and take the "tricky phoney" talk at face value. After all, if he was discovered in a hotel room with another woman in 2011, King would make an entirely different list, along with Arnold Schwarzenegger, Eliot Spitzer and the much-admired Anthony Weiner, not to mention Jackie's husband JFK, who brought a whole new meaning to "affairs of state."

The times, they are a changin'. And through it all, Winnie the Pooh remains devoted to Christopher Robin.

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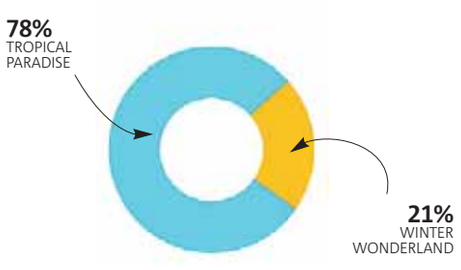
Where is the best place for a winter vacation?



Local tweets

- **@meslin:** Today, I'm feeling proud of Ontario voters and media for forcing Hudak to back away from his misleading racist crap. #jerk
- **@andrewsheehy228:** @TimHudak Time to get some momentum back into your campaign. Time to refer the Liberals and NDP as the Gravy Train.
- **@KatieFranzios:** I'm coughing like crazy. I should have asked someone at the healthcare rally to check me out.
- **@KristofTO:** Lots of respect for #pcpo candidate @KarleneNation , she spoke in front of a "hostile" crowd today at the Rally for Health-Care #onpoli
- **@TTCnotices:** @sbenisto Yes. It's tough to get our info out in 140 characters with additional hashtags, but I will do my best! #ttc ^jm
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Worth mentioning

What's killing us? For decades, global health leaders have focused on diseases that can spread — AIDS, tuberculosis, new flu bugs. They pushed for vaccines, better treatments and other ways to control germs that were only a plane ride away from seeding outbreaks anywhere in the world.

Now they are turning to a new set of culprits causing what United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon calls "a public-health emergency in slow motion." This time, germs aren't the target: We are, along with our bad habits like smoking, overeating and getting too little exercise.

Next week, the UN General Assembly will hold its first summit on chronic diseases — cancer, diabetes, and heart and lung disease. Those account for nearly two-thirds of deaths worldwide, or about 36 million. In the United States, they kill nearly nine out of 10 people.

"The common belief that cancer is a problem of rich countries is a misconception," said Dr. Eduardo Cazap, president of the Union For International Cancer Control.

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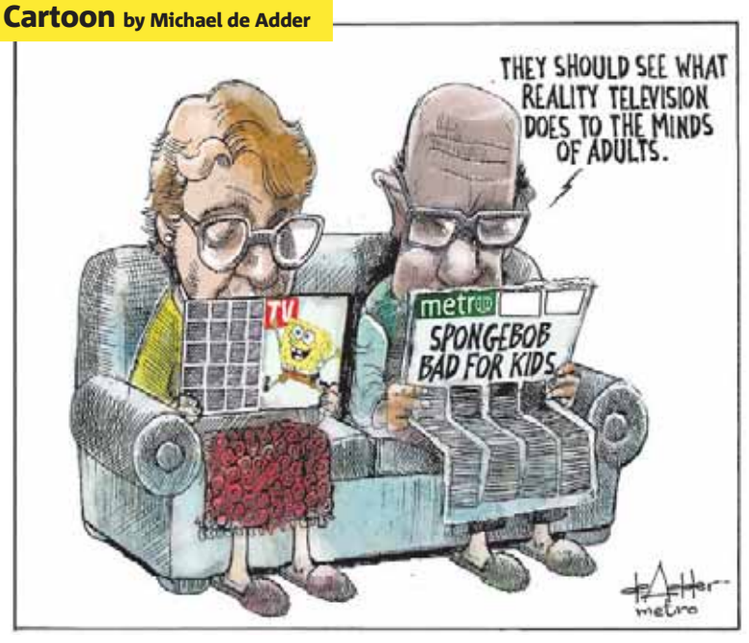

WEIRD NEWS

A 290-pound man goes to White Castle

A man is suing the White Castle chain, claiming the booths in one of its hamburger restaurants are too small.

Martin Kessman says in the federal lawsuit filed last week that he was embarrassed in 2009 when he tried squeezing his six-foot, 290-pound frame into the seating at a White Castle in New York state.

He says he slammed his knee into a metal post under the table and was in pain.

The lawsuit claims the restaurant could not accommodate a customer of Kessman's stature, in violation of the Americans With Disabilities Act.

The suit seeks an unspecified financial judgment.

Spokesman Jamie Richardson at White Castle headquarters in Columbus, Ohio, says the restaurant is being replaced and that the new one will have roomier seating.

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Michelle Williams tells Vogue magazine in their upcoming issue that although life has settled since the death of her former fiance, actor Heath Ledger, it's affected all facets of her life.
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Prosecutors appeal dismissal of conspiracy counts in Anna Nicole Smith drug case

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▶ Drew Powell as Bic, James Marsden as David Sumner and Billy Lush as Chris star in Straw Dogs.

Dog days of summer

The man behind remake of Straw Dogs, Rod Lurie, speaks to Metro about its significance

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The year 1971 was a watershed time for new cinema. Films like A Clockwork Orange, Dirty Harry and Straw Dogs pushed the boundaries of what was acceptable on the silver screen. None are passive films.

Each brims with the obsessions of their makers, and for that each was the subject of controversy and censorship.

Eventually they became accepted by the mainstream. A Clockwork Orange has become a cultural touchstone, with everyone from Lady Gaga to David Bowie to Kylie Minogue, who dressed in a black bowler hat and a white jumpsuit on tour in 2002, paying tribute.

It was even played at the Cannes Film Festival and released on Blu Ray to mark its 40th anniversary. Dirty Harry is on constant rotation on television and Rod Lurie's remake of the Sam Peckinpah film Straw Dogs hits screens this weekend.

"This was an era in which people were searching for answers to the madness that was going on around them."
ROD LURIE

The movie stars James Marsden and Kate Bosworth as David and Amy Sumner, a big city couple who move back to her hometown on the Mississippi Gulf Coast.

Tensions with some of the locals (including True Blood's Alexander Skarsgård) bubble to the surface and soon boil over into violence.

"If you look at a movie like Straw Dogs, which was heavily influenced by a book called The Territorial Imperative," says Lurie, "Peckinpah seems to be saying that violence is in the genetics of all men and therefore we must be aware of it so we can control it. It was extremely fascist thinking but that also seems to be the thing with Dirty Harry.

"A Clockwork Orange is a much more clinical look at that but I think artists were trying to provide the answers top what society was asking then. It was a very, very violent era.

"This was an era in which people were searching for answers to the madness that was going on around them," Lurie continues, "and filmmakers were trying to provide some of the answers. You had everything from the assassinations of Kennedy and King to Vietnam to the Whitman murders to My Lai. I think all of society was trying to understand how human beings could do such things."

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SARAH'S FLIP FLOPPING MOVIE CAREER

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Sarah Jessica Parker is best known as Carrie Bradshaw, the sharp-tongued figurehead of Sex and the City, the long-running ode to post feminism and stylish clothes. But before Mr. Big and the Louboutins she was a movie star with some classics — like Footloose — and some stinkers — like Dudley Do-Right — to her credit.

This weekend she's back on the big screen for the first time in a non-Sex and the City movie since the 2009 flop Did You Hear about the Morgans? In I Don't Know How She Does It she plays a version of Carrie all grown up with kids and a job in the financial sector. It's a far cry from her first big movie, Footloose.

She played Rusty, a role Parker called the "best friend of the pretty girl." The movie and its fancy footwork earned her a Best Young Supporting Actress in a Motion Picture Musical, Comedy, Adventure or Drama nomination at the Sixth Annual Youth in Film Awards.

A few forgettable films followed like Firstborn — described as a "heavy-handed suburban sitcom"— Girls Just Want to Have Fun — called "a total wannabe in the realm of '80s teen flicks"— and Flight of the Navigator, which features the voice of Pee Wee Herman as a robot.

It wasn't until she teamed with Steve Martin in L.A. Story that things started looking up. In this surreal look at life and love in Los Angeles Parker plays SanDeE, a ditzy blonde who aspires to be a spokesmodel.

"Um, it's just a model who speaks," she explains. "You know, and she points at things like merchandise, you know, like a car or washer and dryer. Sometimes it's something really small, you know, like, like a book or fine art print."

The movie broke her out of the teen movie mode and displayed her deft comic timing, which was put to great use in Honeymoon in Vegas opposite Nic Cage. A few flops later she appeared in the critically acclaimed Ed Wood with Johnny Depp. Playing the much put-upon girlfriend of the world's worst director, she calls the actors and crew of his film Bride of the Monster "the usual cast of misfits and dope addicts."

Her most spectacular pre-Sex and the City role, however, is in Mars Attacks.

In it she plays a flighty talk show host, who literally becomes a talking head when she is beheaded by aliens.

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▶ Sarah Jessica Parker has had some real highs to her career. She has also had some terrifying lows.

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Showing fanboys some geek-chic love

Super Size Me creator Spurlock embraces fans with his Comic-Con doc

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▶ Morgan Spurlock speaks at The Pirates! Band Of Misfits Panel during Comic-Con 2011.

Morgan Spurlock went to a convention in San Diego two years ago and found his people — geeks and fanboys, just like he is.

The director of Super Size Me found Comic-Con such a mecca for fans of comic books, superheroes and other aspects of geek culture that he felt compelled to make a movie about the place.

Comic-Con Episode IV: A Fan's Hope, playing at a number of film festivals, is a love song to the fans who journey every year to mix with their kind — and those continually telling themselves that next year, they'll make it there themselves.

Spurlock, who grew up reading comics and idolizing Marvel Comics mastermind Stan Lee, first went to the four-day convention in summer 2009 to recruit fans of The Simpsons for a 20th anniversary special he was making about the animated TV series.

"I'm there watching this going, 'This is the greatest thing I've ever seen. This is amazing. This is a movie,'" Spurlock said in an interview over the weekend after the Toronto festival premiere of Comic-Con.

"Later on that night is when I met Stan Lee at a party and kind of just gushed to Stan, telling him how much he changed my life as a kid. And he said, 'We should make a movie together. We should make a documentary about Comic-Con.'"

The rest, as they say, is history.

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Soap star lashes out at ABC

Susan Lucci upset with network as TV version All My Children comes to an end

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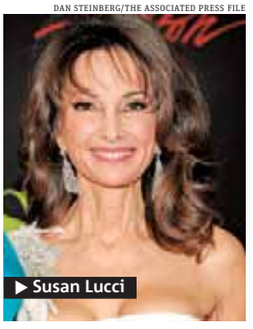

Susan Lucci

Erica Kane wouldn't leave quietly if she felt she'd been wronged. Neither is Susan Lucci as All My Children nears its end on ABC.

Lucci has memorably portrayed Kane on the drama, which airs its last episode on ABC on Sept. 23, and it's unclear whether she will be a part of an attempt to migrate the series online.

In a newly published epilogue to her memoir, Lucci sharply criticized her ABC bosses for axing All My Children, which has been on the air since 1970.

She said the decision to cancel the show was motivated by greed and said the head of ABC's daytime unit, Brian Frons, has "that fatal combination of ignorance and arrogance."

Frons, in cancelling All My Children and One Life to Live in April, said the soap operas were a victim of declining interest.

He said trying to prop up shows in severe decline was like "trying to catch a falling knife."

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Stage Notes

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Kim Cattrall

• Stopping off in Toronto before their debut on Broadway, Kim Cattrall and Paul Gross star as Amanda and Elyot, the protagonists in Noel Coward's comedy of manners — Private Lives.

Private Lives tells the story of once married Elyot and Amanda who awkwardly run into each other as they honeymoon with their new spouses.

Elyot and Amanda can neither live with or without each other and they take pleasure by enveloping each other in misery.

Cattrall, famous for playing Sex and the City's provocateur Samantha, is stellar as Amanda and Gross, one of Canada's most versatile thespians, is a worthy foil.

Private Lives may not be for die-hard romantics, however, Coward's satirical take on societal expectations is timeless.

In an age where the Internet has codified new sources of social norms Private Lives is relevant in its ability to mock our tendency to get caught up in what people demand of us.

Sceneopolis subscribers save almost $100 on an evening of Private Lives.

• Across town Toronto's Soulpepper Theatre has revived their 2008 production of another legendary play, Neil Simon's The Odd Couple.

Albert Schultz and Diego Matamoros star as yet another mismatched duo, only this couple, is a pair of best friends who are forced to live with each other following their divorces.

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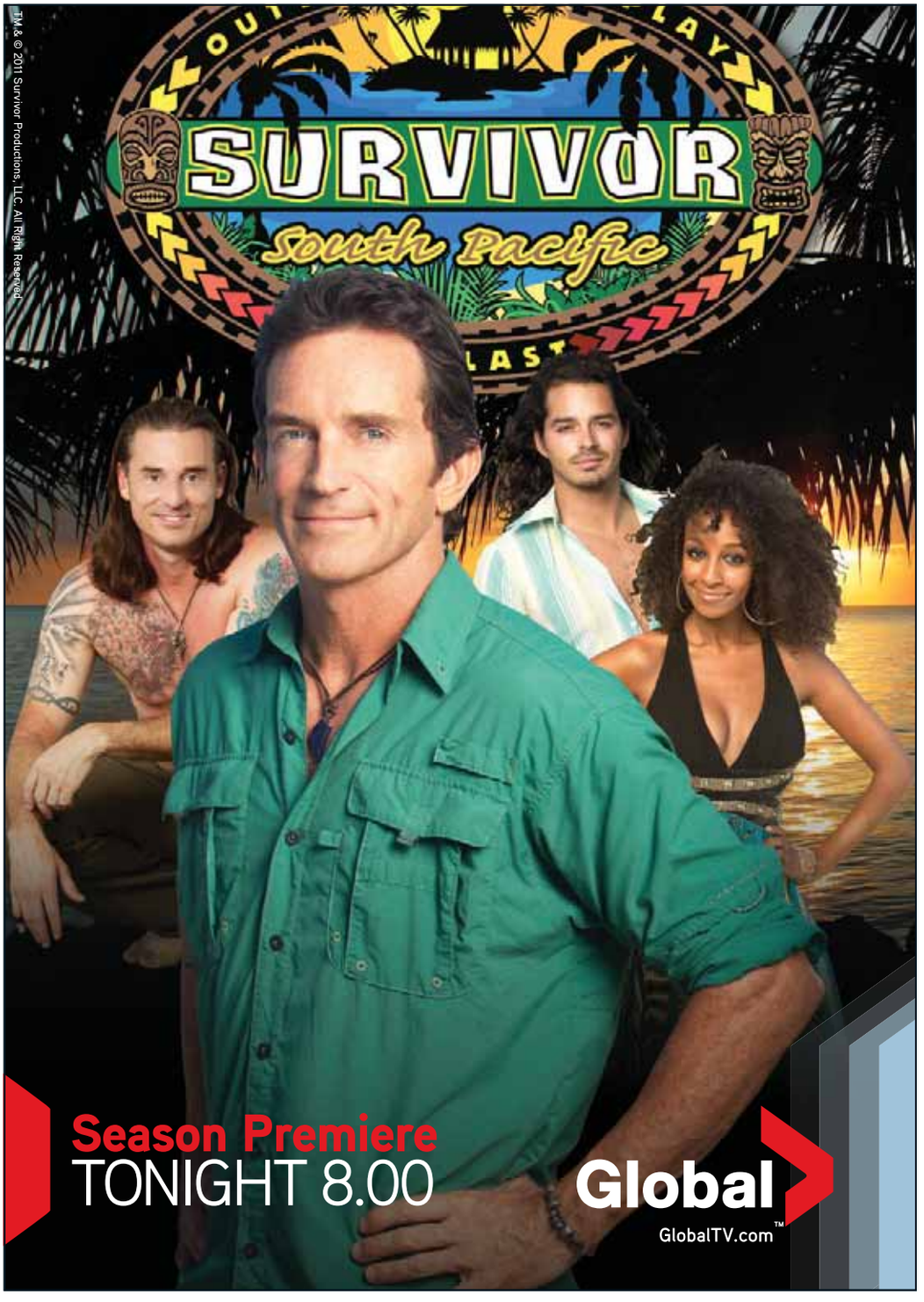

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Aguilera will be back for Season 2 of The Voice

- Show producers deny that the singer got booted off the show
- The Voice premieres February

Producers behind reality singing competition The Voice have no plans to ditch judge Christina Aguilera, despite rumours that the singer isn't going to be part of the show's second season.

"There is absolutely no truth to the rumour," NBC's Paul Telegdy says in an official statement.

Aguilera is still under contract for season two, which premieres in February. METRO

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▶ Christina Aguilera

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"What kind of music would y'all want from me on my next album? Thinking about going back to the studio"

@SarahKSilverman
"I'm pretty much done watching actors & actresses pensively looking out windows"

@DonaldGlover
"I'm enjoying these girls dressed like faux tomboys in the 70s."

@SethMacFarlane
"Wow — I hit a million followers and Twitter sent me a pink Cadillac."

Longoria not making any promises

Eva Longoria admits it's a little too soon after her split from Tony Parker to think about settling down again. "I'm not opposed to it, I just don't really give it a lot of thought right now," Longoria tells Access Hollywood. "Ask a woman after divorce if she's going to get married, you won't get an honest answer." METRO

Prince Harry goes all out

If the whole royal family or military thing doesn't work out, Prince Harry could have a career in finance.

The 26-year-old royal set a record for closing the largest foreign exchange deal while manning the phones during a charity event, completing a $24.5 billion deal between Barclays London and a European counterpart, according to the London Metro.

Harry earned $9,000 commission for the effort, which he plans to donate to charity. METRO

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Aniston's mother has a stroke

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▶ Jennifer Aniston

Star reportedly visiting her mom in hospital with her boyfriend Justin Theroux

Jennifer Aniston's mom, Nancy Dow, was reportedly hospitalized recently after suffering a stroke, according to the Daily Mail.

"She's in the hospital. She's fabulous, a very nice lady. She's also very private," a source says of Dow, who is said to be unable to speak and in serious condition.

Aniston reportedly visited the hospital with Justin Theroux at her side.

Aniston and Dow were on the outs for many years, with the actress not even inviting her mother to her 2000 wedding to Brad Pitt, though they reportedly reconciled in 2008.

Aniston's rep would only say that it was a private family matter.

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Megan Fox wants to be a mom

Megan Fox is up for being a mother, but first she needs to pad out her bank account.

"I want to have children. I've always wanted kids," she tells Amica magazine.

"I have a number in my mind of what amount of money I want in the bank so that I can protect my child's future."

While she's saving, she's also ditching her vegan diet.

"For a year and a half, until about four months ago, I followed a strict vegan diet based on raw fruits and vegetables, no bread, sugar and coffee. But I had lost too much weight," she says. METRO

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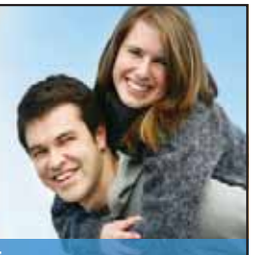

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▶ Actor Emile Hirsch poses for a photograph after he talks about his new movie Killer Joe at TIFF yesterday.

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Hirsch takes on another risky role with Killer Joe

Emile Hirsch had already taken on some risky roles in his young career so he wasn't particularly afraid of Killer Joe. The dark comedy/drama, which is based on an off-Broadway cult hit, has raised eyebrows at the Venice and Toronto film festivals for its creepy storyline and one startlingly shocking scene just before the film's raucous conclusion. THE CANADIAN PRESS

TIFF party report

While there might not be as many weeknight parties, the work week hasn't made events any more low-key

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Butter stars Jennifer Garner and Olivia Wilde prettied up the Weintsein Company party at Soho House, along with Gerard Butler, Juliette Lewis, Abbie Cornish and Ralph Fiennes, while Joseph Gordon-Levitt pulled triple duty, hitting up the Summit Entertainment after-party for his new film, 50/50, the Entertainment One party and HitRECord at the Movies, a special festival screening organized by his website, HitRECord.org.

Mongrel Media took over the Distillery District's Boiler House — and everything around it — for a massive fete Monday night to toast its slate of films, including Sarah Polley's Take This Waltz, Gus Van Sant's Restless and Pedro Almodovar's the Skin I Live In. The Trailer Park Boys worked the room, filming for their new series and drawing plenty of fan attention, while K'naan and Machine Gun Preacher star Souleymane Sy Savane were also spotted.

Celebrating W.E.

On Monday night Madonna threw an exclusive dinner party at the Soho Grey Goose House for 20 people, including W.E. cast members Andrea Riseborough, Abbie Cornish and eOne executives. METRO

In conversation with Clive Owen

British star Clive Owen brings his latest, the action thriller Killer Elite, to TIFF.

On Toronto:
"I think I've been here for the last five years. I've got friends here because I shot a film here, so I love it. I feel very comfortable here. It's quite nice because I come and I do a lot of the festival stuff, but I also slip off and see some friends and go to restaurants that I like — sort of outside of the festival as well. So it's nice."

On seeing other films at TIFF:
"No, unfortunately. It's always the same. You see the list and you think, 'Oh, you know, I'd like to see that.' But they work us too hard. When we're here, they want us to work."

On Children of Men:
"It's amazing because it didn't do huge business ... but of all the films I've done it's the one that people always come and say they love. I agree. I think Cuaron's a visionary director. I think it was a radical, ambitious film."

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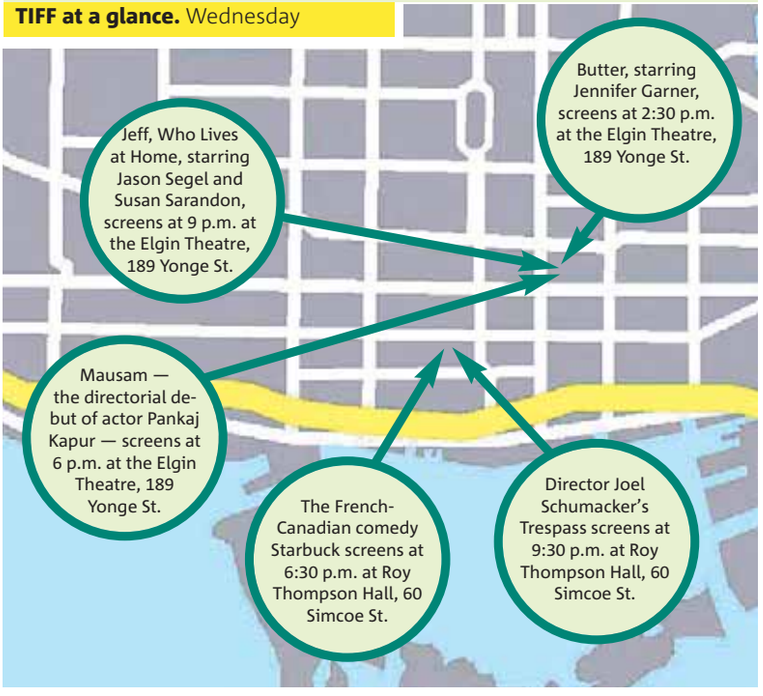
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Mausam — the directorial debut of actor Pankaj Kapur — screens at 6 p.m. at the Elgin Theatre, 189 Yonge St.
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Director Joel Schumacker's Trespass screens at 9:30 p.m. at Roy Thompson Hall, 60 Simcoe St.

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▶ Clive Owen arrives at the Intruders premiere at TIFF on Monday.

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The islands of St. Pierre and Miquelon offer a taste of France, just a short ferry ride off the coast of Newfoundland

This tiny collection of islands, about 25 kilometres from Fortune, N.L., has a total population of around 7,000 people. It is all that remains of colonial New France.

A former strategic land base for the once lucrative cod fishery, the French government now pays about $65 million a year in subsidies to sustain the islands — its only toehold in North America. St. Pierre and Miquelon were returned to France in 1815 after several stints of British occupation.

Today, residents speak French, deal in Euros and rely heavily on government jobs, fishing and tourism.

The smallest of the islands, St. Pierre, is also the most populated, with colourful clapboard homes on tidy, winding streets that are home to about 6,000 people. Restaurants and bakeries bustle with foreigners in summer.

History buffs won't want to miss the L'Arche museum in the centre of town, where a guillotine similar to one used in 1889 is housed. The eerie killing machine is on display next to the museum's main staircase. The only soul to die by guillotine in North America was a fisherman convicted of murdering a fishing boat captain. He was beheaded in St. Pierre on Aug. 24, 1889. It is said that local people were so disgusted the guillotine was never used again.

On the lighter side, visitors can also soak up rich tales of rum-running and gangsters, as St. Pierre became the ideal base for booze shipments to a very thirsty North America during Prohibition in the 1920s.

In Miquelon, with a permanent population of about 700 people, the church L'Eglise de Miquelon tells local history in its stained glass windows. "It's worth a visit because it's so beautiful," Madeline Fitzsimmons of Huntsville, Ont., said during a trip last month to the islands. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ The harbour of St. Pierre was once the perfect base for booze shipments for North America under the wraps of Prohibition.

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NEWCOMERS' GUIDE TO THE CITY

Say goodbye to summer and hello to indoor pools, fall swimming lessons and other water classes

Have a water-filled fall

TEXT BY PAULINE ANDERSON AND YLVA VAN BUUREN

HANDOUT

▶ Pools around the city offer aquatics programs to suit everyone.

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THE POOL: The 25 metre indoor pool offers a variety of programs including swimming lessons, adult lane swim, aqua fitness and more.

CHECK THIS OUT: Learn to Swim – Women's is an introductory level class for Muslim women, teaching the basics of getting wet, basic floating positions and introduction to front and back swimming.

COST: Residents of Toronto pay $87 for nine classes. Fall and winter programs.

WHERE IS IT?: 1369 St. Clair Ave. W. (From the St. Clair West Station, take the 512 St. Clair car to Landsdowne. Walk west.)

SIMILAR PROGRAMS: For a list of other Toronto-area pools that offer female only swim programs, visit toronto.ca/parks/swimming/female-swims.htm.

SWIM TO SURVIVE

The Lifesaving Society of Canada's Swim to Survive teaches basic survival skills including somersaulting into deep water (to simulate falling in unexpectedly), treading water for one minute (so you can catch your breath and look for help), and swimming 50 meters (to safety).

VISIT: youtube.com/watch?v=HBiS0os4m9Y for a video showing skills (available in 8 languages).

DOUGLAS SNOW AQUATIC CENTRE

(416) 395-7585
toronto.ca/parks/prd/facilities/complex/567/index.htm

THE POOL: The 50 metre pool is located near Mel Lastman Square in North York and offers a range of instructional programs for parents, tots and seniors to learn to swim.

CHECK THIS OUT: The Swim-Preschool (3 to 5 year olds) program teaches kids about getting into the water, breath control and basic floats and skills with assistance.

COST: Residents of Toronto pay $169 for 9 classes.

WHERE IS IT: 5100 Yonge St. (From the North York Centre Station, walk west ½ a block.)

SIMILAR PROGRAMS: For a list of other early learning programs as well as pools, visit, toronto.ca/parks/prd/facilities/complex/567/.

HART HOUSE POOL

harthouse.ca/location/hart-house-pool

THE POOL: The majestic University of Toronto pool has a vaulted ceiling with skylights and is framed by columns.

CHECK THIS OUT: Learn to Swim classes (various evening classes beginning September 19) are for people with little or no experience in water. Lessons will help participants become more comfortable in the water and will introduce the front crawl.

COST: Students and members pay $55.

TO GET THERE: 7 Hart House Circle (from the Museum subway, walk south for 5 minutes).

SIMILAR PROGRAMS: Students at other colleges and universities should check with their athletic centres for information about learn-to-swim programs.

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Down and dirty in Bodo, Alberta

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Tourists may be flocking to Drumheller to witness the wealth of ancient dinosaur bones, but another rural Alberta archaeological site is raising eyebrows these days.

I was just a tad apprehensive on my way out to the middle of nowhere somewhere near Wainright, Alta., I think, to visit the even smaller and even more out-of-the-way tiny hamlet of Bodo. The official population base is listed at "about 27 people." This place makes Moose Jaw seem like a metropolis.

Not long after arriving in the flat, almost desert-like terrain, I was struck by the history, and the unique hands-on experience of uncovering that history.

More and more tourists are flocking here to get there hands dirty at an ancient Native burial ground.

Just a five-minute drive from the town, if you want to call it that, is the beautiful and unique Bodo Sandhills. The mosquitos were pretty unbearable, but I forgot about my 900 or so bites when we actually had a chance to dig at a large ancient buffalo kill site.

This is the exact area where First Nations people trapped and killed their food, hundreds of years ago, and all around is the evidence. Just a few inches under the ground are thousands and thousands of well-preserved Bison bones.

What makes Bodo so great is that it allows the stunned layman to at least pretend he's a great explorer and famous archaeologist.

Other things to do

- **Tee off at the Wainright Golf Club:** A great 18-hole golf course with a first class club house for dining.
- **Take a day tour from Canmore:** See the Rockies in style or take in picturesque Lake Louise.

Postcards from the planet

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We were excited about seeing the pandas but my response surprised even me. These furry, pudgy animals were as cute as expected but there was something about their mannerisms that made us smile. Hanging around in the yard they reminded me of school children at recess. And when one climbed a tree and proceeded to try to get comfortable I knew I'd found my favourite.

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The Bathhouse at Mandalay Bay

THE SCENE: Heralded as one of the trendiest spas on the Strip, the bathhouse features slate walls and marble floors, with exotic baths and a flowing waterfall. Spa amenities include a redwood sauna, eucalyptus steam room and heated whirlpools.

SPECIALTIES: Try a Minty Mojito Mani/Pedi, which uses a peppermint body polish with jojoba beads to smooth skin. Other trendy treatments include the Crème Brulèe Body Treatment, which involves a crème brulée glaze and body wrap, and the Yummy Mocha Java Sculpting Treatment, which offers a choice of chocolate or cappuccino sugar scrub with green teas, marine algae and aloe vera.

Sahra Spa & Hammam at The Cosmopolitan

THE SCENE: Inspired by the desert, this spa features natural slate walls and silver ceilings that mimic canyons and moonlit nights. Its signature hammam offers treatments on a heated stone slab.

SPECIALTIES: Dedicated to the centuries old practice of purification (which you'll probably need while in Vegas), the hammam combines body detoxification, steam treatments and cooling baths.
Try a traditional Moroccan Steam & Bath, which involves being anointed with fragrant oils before an aromatic steam bath, or the latest in technology — a Hydrafacial that helps resurface the skin to reduce lines, wrinkles and hyperpigmentation.

Qua Baths and Spa at Caesars Palace

THE SCENE: Qua brings the baths of ancient Rome to Vegas, with everything from Vichy showers, crystal body art room and cedarwood sauna. Heat up in the Laconium Room and cool off in the Arctic Ice Room with "snow" falling from the ceiling.

SPECIALTIES: Here you'll find treatments based on ancient healing traditions from India and the Americas. Try the spa's signature Mojave Rain, based on Native American sacred plants, which involves smudging the "ritual space" with sage and sweetgrass and then cascading essential oils along the spine.

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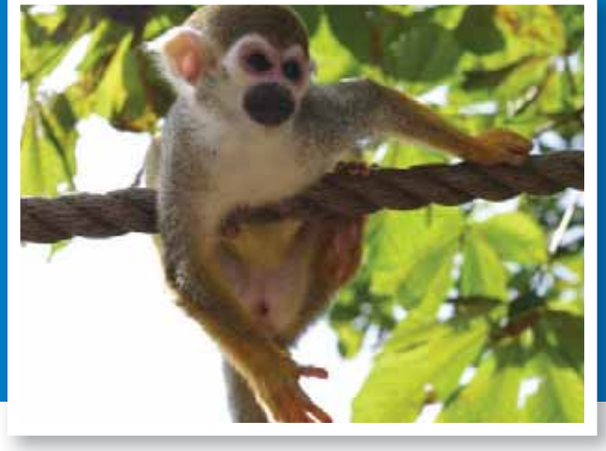

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Raise your glass

For dedicated beer lovers, fall conjures up images of Oktoberfest Here are some parties you won't want to miss

Attending Oktoberfest in Munich, Germany — the biggest beer festival in the world (this year Sept. 17-Oct. 3) — involves distance, time and expense.

Fortunately for those whose budgets and schedules preclude the trip, there is plenty to do — and drink — in North America during the fall beer festival season.

Check out these odes to the original Oktoberfest on our own continent.

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▶ Munich, Germany's Oktoberfest is the biggest beer festival in the world, but North America has plenty to offer during beer festival season.

Oktoberfest by the Bay

Location: San Francisco, Calif.
Dates: Sept. 30 - Oct. 2

Oktoberfest by the Bay, Sept. 30 to Oct. 2, San Francisco. This festival features sizzling oompah music, native dancing and of course, beer. Entry is split into sessions, either day or night. Tickets are $25 for any session, but that only covers your admission. VIP tickets for $65 include a buffet and a beer. Most beers are $6 and food ranges from $3 to $11. The final day of the event marks the 122nd anniversary of German Day in San Francisco.

Oktoberfest Zinzinnati

Location: Cincinnati, Ohio
Dates: Sept. 17-18

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The southern Ohio city gives a nod to its German roots with this festival. It bills itself as America's largest Oktoberfest, with half a million attendees. There's a full weekend of festivities, starting with the fifth annual Running of the Weiners at noon on Sept. 16, where dachshunds run in complete hot dog regalia (costumes provided). For humans, there's a beer stein race and beer barrel roll. The actual beer festival, which is sponsored by brewer Samuel Adams, begins Saturday when a parade of German-Americans wearing traditional garb taps the kegs at each festival tent.

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Soulard Oktoberfest

Location: St. Louis, Mo.
Dates: Oct. 7-9

This festival is held in the back yard of one of America's most successful brewing companies, Anheuser-Busch, which was founded by German immigrants. The city's strong German heritage is on display at the festival, which promises 2,000 kegs and 14 bands. The event includes contests for brat-eating, stein-holding and strongest barmaid. Entry is $5, although if you're wearing German attire, you get in for free.

Kitchener-Waterloo Oktoberfest

Location: Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont.
Dates: Oct. 7 - 15.

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4. Spread 125 ml (1/2 cup) of the rice on one side of a sheet of parchment. Lay a portion of fish over rice, top with a quarter of the mushroom-fennel mixture and sprinkle with coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper. Repeat with remaining portions.
5. Seal packages and place on a rimmed baking sheet. Bake in oven until puffed and golden, about 8 minutes. To cook on the barbecue, place packets on a rimmed baking sheet and place on grill over direct heat. Close lid and cook for about 8 minutes.
6. Serve in paper packet or carefully transfer contents to a dinner plate. Serve with lemon wedges.

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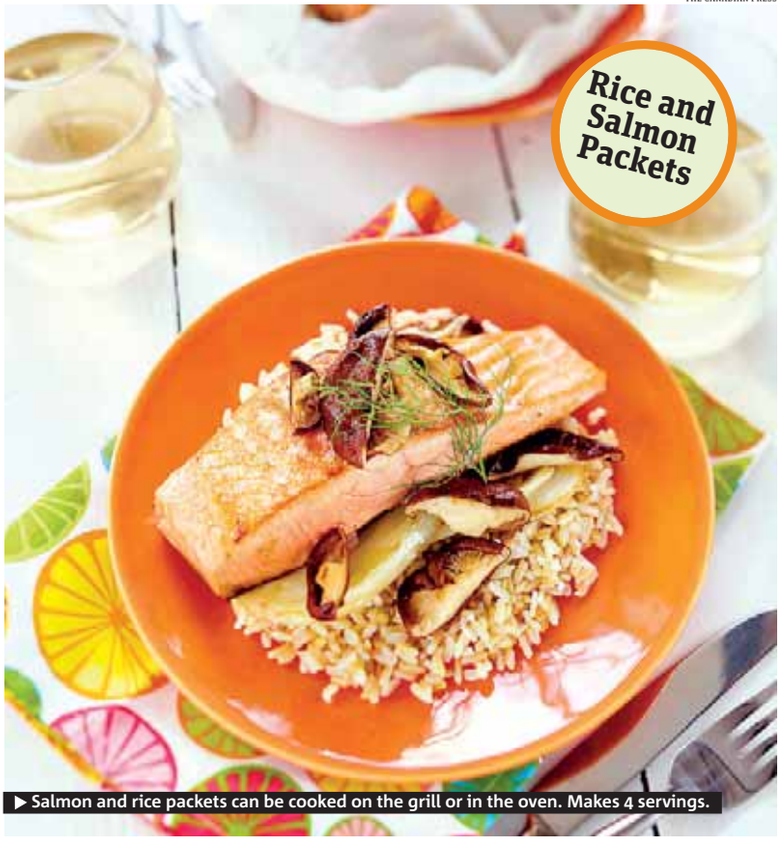
Shopping List:

Rice and Salmon Packets

- 15 ml (1 tbsp) butter
- 4 green onions, white parts only, sliced (reserve greens for garnish)
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 250 g (8 oz) shiitake mushrooms thickly sliced
- 1/2 small fennel bulb, sliced
- 5 ml (1 tsp) minced fresh thyme
- 500 ml (2 cups) cooled, cooked brown rice
- 2 ml (1/2 tsp) each coarse salt and fresh cracked pepper
- 4 fish fillets (each 125 g/4 oz), such as salmon, halibut, cod or Arctic char
- Lemon wedges



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Preparation:

1. In a large pot, bring 5.5 litres of water to a boil. Once water is boiling, add 30 ml (2 tbsp) salt. Heat oven to 180 C (350 F).
2. Pour olive oil into a large saute pan and place over high heat. Season pork medallions on both sides with salt and pepper. Once oil is smoking, add medallions to pan in an even layer. Cook medallions for about 2 minutes or until bottoms are browned. Flip and brown other side.
3. Transfer pork to a plate, cover with foil and set aside. Reserve saute pan, uncleaned. In a microwave-safe bowl, combine apples, tea bags, 15 ml (1 tbsp) water and coconut nectar. Cover with plastic wrap, then microwave on high for 5 minutes or until apples are tender and falling apart when mashed with a fork. Mix in lemon juice, then cover and set aside.
4. Add cauliflower to boiling water and cook for 2 minutes. Drain cauliflower and place florets on a cutting board. Cut florets in half from stem to top of floret. Arrange florets, cut sides down, in a single layer in reserved saute pan. Set over medium-high heat and cook until florets just begin to brown, about 1 minute.
5. Turn each floret, then nestle pork back into pan. Add thyme, then place pan in oven to finish cooking pork, about 4 minutes.
6. Remove plastic and tea bags from apples and mash with a fork. Spoon one dollop on each of 4 serving plates. Place 1 pork medallion on each plate, then add cauliflower. Add 30 ml (2 tbsp) of water to pan and scrape up any browned bits. Spoon pan sauce over top of each medallion.

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Ingredients:

- 500 g (1 lb) pork tenderloin, cut crosswise into 1-inch (1/2-inch) medallions
- Salt and black pepper
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 small head cauliflower, cut into 5-cm (2-inch) florets
- 2 Gala apples, cored and cut into 2.5-cm chunks
- 2 bags hibiscus tea
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) water
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) coconut nectar or light agave nectar
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- 8 sprigs fresh thyme, leaves picked

Keep your chin up during the co-op hunt

STUDENT VOICE

SHABDIT SHAH
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When I first heard about co-operative education programs offered at universities, I immediately figured that the work-study cycle would be an excellent way to gain exposure to the professional world.

All throughout my first year I was looking forward to working at a job related to what I was studying. As my first work term approached, I quickly realized how difficult it would be, especially since my faculty is the smallest on campus and I am competing with students in their upper years.

When I started searching for my first co-op position, there were lots of job postings available but out of the many positions I applied to, I only managed to obtain one interview out of that first cycle.

▶ Shabdit Shah pursued a placement relentlessly and his hard work finally paid off.

My search did not get any easier in the second job posting round, as the job postings became scarce and my chances at securing employment slim.

After countless cover letters and resumé modifications I received another two interviews, both which did not lead to a work placement. My struggles continued well into exam period last December and eventually the term ended.

As I was packing my belongings for the winter holidays I realized I had nowhere to work for my first co-op term.

Near the end of January I was able to secure employment through the university job search portal for a position I applied for several weeks back.

Where Shabdit is now

I'm currently working at General Electric, and it has been a great experience thus far. I admit that my first experience with the co-operative education program was not a pleasant one, but in the end it resulted in a terrific work placement. I'm hoping that my future job searches will continue to be successful, as well as easier.

What I learned

Key take-aways from Shabdit's experience:

- Gain relevant experience in your field to be taken seriously by employers
- Clearly highlight how your extra-curricular activities gave you transferable skills applicable to your job
- Stay motivated — persistence and hard work pays off!

My first co-op job search in university taught me that previous experience (especially relevant experience) really counts and sometimes volunteer work doesn't cut it.

Employers should realize that students who are trying to secure their first work term placements are part of the pool that they will be selecting candidates from for the next couple of years as well. Don't rule students out when you see a lack of work experience on their resumés.

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According to a recent study by Ethnographic Research in Illinois Academic Libraries Project, students are turning more to Internet search engines and less to physical research.

The three-year study consisted of interviews with librarians, students and other campus faculty at five universities. They found that students often don't know where to turn when it comes to doing real research within the library. In fact, students prefer to just enter a few key words into a search engine rather than pour through academic journals and encyclopedias.

The concept of using a librarian for academic assistance is apparently foreign to the modern student, researchers told USA Today.

The researchers said they were surprised by "the extent to which students appeared to lack even some of the most basic information literacy skills that we assumed they would have mastered in high school."

Apparently, students mentioned Google 115 times during the interviews for the study, more than twice as many times as any other research method.

Students aren't completely to blame, though, for their lack of library prowess. Researchers also point the finger at librarians for overestimating students' knowledge of research techniques, often resulting in conversations that leave students feeling intimidated.

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Congrats to Apple University, class of 2031?
"School funding will be a huge issue because of the booming costs of looking after retirees. That's why companies will sponsor schools. In developed countries, the barrier between business and education will be blurred. Everything will be commercial and sponsored. If kids go to a school sponsored by a particular company, they might have to work for that company during the school breaks."

Bad news for bank tellers, good news for nurses
"Bank tellers will essentially disappear by 2031, as will jobs like subway drivers and check-in agents at airports. Only those who pay a premium will get human service. At the same time, a range of jobs will be created to look after retirees. Vertical farming will provide new careers, as will new forms of transport and technology-based education."

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▶ Those who study geriatrics may have little to worry about 20 years down the road.

Fashion and retail get a makeover
"3D printing will revolutionize manufacturing. Customers will be able to walk into a shop and design their own clothes, which will be manufactured on the spot. That will create new jobs, too."

In the classroom
"By 2031, education will have changed enormously, especially in developing countries. Technology will act as a teacher. There will be a teacher, but he or she will be many miles away."

"Teachers will be a luxury. We'll pay heavily for the specialization they provide, as technology can take care of most of the teaching."

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Red Sox bats come up big

Slumping team lays beating on Blue Jays, boosts lead over Rays in race for wild-card spot

18	6
RED SOX	BLUE JAYS

Indications were that for a second consecutive night a New England sports team would be involved in a high-scoring affair.

The Blue Jays' 18-6 loss last night at Fenway Park did not disappoint fans that live for Red Sox offence. However, more important to Red Sox Nation was the actual game result. After all, this is a fan base having trouble breathing as the air has been sucked out of their wild-card balloon via nine losses in 12 games. The lead was down to three over the Rays.

On Monday it was Tom Brady and the Pats in Miami lighting it up, while on this baseball night it was the matchup of Tim Wakefield against Brandon Morrow that had pundits predicting a shootout.

It started early. In the first inning, it was a botched overhand feed from first baseman David Cooper that sailed high to Morrow covering first on a grounder by Josh Reddick that allowed two runs to score. It would have been the third out. The feed was not good, but catchable. The runs were unearned and gave Wakefield the lead, his eighth start in search of his 200th career win.

The Jays bounced back against the knuckleballer in the second, as Cooper doubled off the monster, followed by an infield single to Brett Lawrie in the hole at short. Catcher J.P. Arencibia then slammed a three-run homer off the top of the left field wall that had to be reviewed by umpires after Sox manager Terry Francona objected. It was Arencibia's 23rd homer, within one of Eric Hinske's franchise rookie record in 2002.

That lead lasted all of three batters as Jacoby Ellsbury doubled off the wall, scoring Marco Scutaro to tie it. The centre fielder went to third on a Morrow balk and scored on a sacrifice fly by Dustin Pedroia. That Sox lead lasted just two batters as Jose Bautista stayed back long enough to drive his 42nd home run off the top of the foul pole in left.

Bautista's bomb gave him 100 RBIs for the year. The last Jays player with back to back 100 RBI seasons was Vernon Wells in 2002-03.

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▶ Eric Thames makes a sliding catch on a sacrifice fly hit by Boston's Dustin Pedroia.

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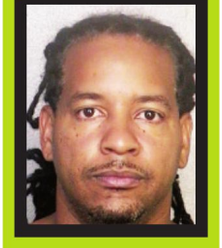
Sports in brief



Former World Series MVP Manny Ramirez, who retired this year amid allegations of banned-substance use, is facing criminal prosecution on charges he hit his wife during an argument. Ramirez, 39, could get up to a year in jail if convicted of misdemeanour domestic-battery charges. He was released on $2,500 US bail yesterday after spending the night in the Broward County Jail in Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

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Raonic will face Sampras in exhibition

Nov. 17 event will bring tennis to ACC for first time

Hard-serving Canadian Milos Raonic will square off against American Pete Sampras in a tennis exhibition in November.

Sampras will meet the 20-year-old Raonic on Nov. 17 at the Air Canada Centre in the first-ever tennis event held at the facility. Raonic, who grew up in Thornhill is currently ranked No. 31 on the ATP Tour while Sampras, 40, captured 14 Grand Slam titles during his 15-year career before announcing his retirement in August 2003.

WTA Tour member Aleksandra Wozniak of Blainville, Que., and Eugenie Bouchard of Westmount, Que., — the world's fourth-ranked junior female player — will also take part in the exhibition.

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"I am anxious to show Milos and the fans that I can still play with the best at the highest level."
PETE SAMPRAS

"Playing in front of my hometown against my hero growing up is a dream come true," Raonic said yesterday in a statement. "I'm also really excited about playing the first-ever tennis event at the Air Canada Centre with Pete, Aleks, and Eugenie and I know tennis fans in Toronto and surrounding provinces will pack the arena to see how I match up with one of the best of all time."

Raonic hasn't played since Wimbledon, where he advanced to the second round before being forced to retire due to injury. Afterwards, he underwent successful hip surgery.

Sampras and Raonic have never played each other before. It will also be the first time the American has played in Canada since his retirement.

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Minnesota (Hendriks 0-1) at Kansas City (Hochevar 10-11), 4:10 p.m.
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Tampa Bay (W.Davis 10-8) at Baltimore (Guthrie 7-17), 7:05 p.m.
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NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	94	50	.653	—
Atlanta	84	64	.568	12
New York	71	76	.483	24½
Washington	68	77	.469	26½
Florida	67	79	.459	28

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	86	62	.581	—
St. Louis	80	68	.541	6
Cincinnati	72	76	.486	14
Pittsburgh	67	81	.453	19
Chicago	65	83	.439	21
Houston	50	97	.340	35½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	86	62	.581	—
San Francisco	77	70	.524	8½
Los Angeles	72	74	.493	13
Colorado	69	77	.473	16
San Diego	63	85	.426	23

Last night's results
St. Louis 6 Pittsburgh 4
Cincinnati 2 Chicago Cubs 1
Florida at Atlanta
Washington at N.Y. Mets
Philadelphia at Houston
Colorado at Milwaukee
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers
San Diego at San Francisco
Monday's results
Pittsburgh 6 St. Louis 5
Chicago Cubs 12 Cincinnati 8
Florida 5 Atlanta 4 (12 innings)
Washington 3 N.Y. Mets 2
Houston 5 Philadelphia 1
Arizona 7 L.A. Dodgers 2
San Francisco 8, San Diego 3
Today's games
Florida (Nolasco 10-10) at Atlanta (Delgado 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
St. Louis (E.Jackson 4-2) at Pittsburgh (Morton 9-9), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Halladay 17-5) at Houston (Norris 6-9), 2:05 p.m.
San Diego (Latos 7-13) at San Francisco (Lincecum 12-12), 3:45 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (C.Coleman 2-7) at Cincinnati (Cueto 9-5), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Peacock 0-0) at N.Y. Mets (Pelfrey 7-11), 7:10 p.m.
Colorado (Millwood 2-2) at Milwaukee (Narveson 10-7), 8:10 p.m.
Arizona (D.Hudson 16-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 18-5), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Washington at N.Y. Mets, 1:10 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 2:35 p.m., 1st game
Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Florida at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
San Francisco at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

RUGBY

WORLD CUP

All times Eastern

FIRST ROUND

Last night's results
At Rotorua
Samoa vs. Namibia
At Whangarei
Tonga vs. Canada
At Invercargill
Scotland vs. Georgia
Tomorrow's game
At New Plymouth
Russia vs. U.S., 3:30 p.m.

LACROSSE

MANN CUP

CANADIAN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

At Langley, B.C.
(Best-of-7)
All Times Eastern
BRAMPTON (ONT.) VS. LANGLEY (B.C.)
(Brampton wins series 4-1)
Monday's result
Brampton 6 Langley 3

TENNIS

WTA CHALLENGE BELL

At Quebec City
Singles — First Round
Daniela Hantuchova (1), Slovakia, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Croatia, 6-0, 2-6, 6-4.
Lucie Safarova (2), Czech Republic, def. Jill Craybas, U.S., 6-2, 6-1.
Tamira Paszek (3), Austria, def. Ashley Weinhold, U.S., 6-0, 4-6, 6-2.
Sofia Arvidsson (5), Sweden, def. Elena Bovina, Russia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Barbora Zahlavova Strycova (6), Czech Republic, def. Zhang Shuai, China, 6-4, 6-2.
Julie Coin, France, def. Anna Tatishvili (8), Georgia, 5-7, 6-4, 6-4.
Aleksandra Wozniak, Blainville, Que., def. Gail Brodsky, U.S., 6-2, 6-1.
Mirjana Lucic, Croatia, def. Jamie Hampton, U.S., 6-4, 6-2.
Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, def. Melanie Oudin, U.S., 6-1, 6-3.
Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, def. Caroline Garcia, France, 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.
Doubles — First Round
Heather Watson, Britain, and Kathrin Woerle, Germany, def. Amanda Fink and Ashley Weinhold, both U.S., 6-4, 6-2.

WTA TASHKENT OPEN

At Tashkent, Uzbekistan
Singles — First Round
Ksenina Pervak (1), Russia, def. Galina Voskoboeva, Kazakhstan, 6-2, 7-5.
Eleni Daniilidou, Greece, def. Pauline Parmentier (3), France, 7-5, 6-1.
Magdalena Rybarikova (5), Slovakia, def. Nigina Abduraimova, Uzbekistan, 6-7 (5), 6-4, 6-3.
Alla Kudryavtseva (6), Russia, def. Vesna Dolonts, Russia, 6-2, 7-5.
Akgul Amanmuradova, Uzbekistan, def. Aravane Rezai (8), France, 6-4, 6-3.
Sabina Sharipova, Uzbekistan, def. Eirini Georgatou, Greece, 6-4, 6-1.
Urszula Radwanska, Poland, def. Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, 6-1, 6-4.
Eva Birnerova, Czech Republic, def. Junri Namigata, Japan, 6-4, 6-1.
Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, def. Kamilla Farhad, Azerbaijan, 6-0, 6-1.
Victoria Larriere, France, def. Zuzana Kucova, Slovakia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1.

CFL

WEEK 12

All times Eastern

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Winnipeg	10	7	3	0	242	229	14
Montreal	10	6	4	0	317	251	12
Hamilton	10	5	5	0	273	270	10
Toronto	10	2	8	0	206	290	4

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
Calgary	10	7	3	0	269	258	14
Edmonton	10	6	4	0	229	227	12
B.C.	10	4	6	0	260	225	8
Saskatchewan	10	3	7	0	237	283	6

Friday's game
Edmonton at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 17
Toronto at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.
B.C. at Calgary, 7 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 18
Winnipeg at Montreal, 1 p.m.

NFL

WEEK ONE

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	1	0	0	1.000	38	24
Buffalo	1	0	0	1.000	41	7
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	27	24
Miami	0	1	0	.000	24	38

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	34	7
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	16	14
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	14	16
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	7	34

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	35	7
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	.000	7	35

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	7	41
Denver	0	1	0	.000	20	23

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	28	14
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	31	13
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	24	27
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	14	28

SOUTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	34	42
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	20	27
Carolina	0	1	0	.000	21	28
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	12	30

NORTH

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	30	12
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	27	20
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	42	34
Minnesota	0	1	0	.000	17	24

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	33	17
Arizona	1	0	0	1.000	28	21
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	13	31
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	17	33

Monday's results
New England 38 Miami 24
Oakland 23 Denver 20

WEEK TWO

Sunday, Sep. 18
Chicago at New Orleans, 1 p.m.
Baltimore at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 1 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Buffalo, 1 p.m.
Arizona at Washington, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Green Bay at Carolina, 1 p.m.
Cleveland at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Dallas at San Francisco, 4:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Denver, 4:15 p.m.
Houston at Miami, 4:15 p.m.
San Diego at New England, 4:15 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sep. 19
St. Louis at N.Y. Giants, 8:30 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Columbus	27	11	9	7	33	34	40
Kansas City	28	10	8	10	43	36	40
Philadelphia	27	8	7	12	35	30	36
Houston	28	8	9	11	34	36	35
D.C. United	25	8	7	10	37	35	34
New York	27	6	6	15	42	38	33
Chicago	27	4	8	15	30	35	27
New England	28	5	11	12	32	43	27
Toronto	29	5	12	12	30	51	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Los Angeles	28	15	3	10	40	22	55
Seattle	28	13	6	9	43	31	48
Dallas	28	13	8	7	36	31	46
Real Salt Lake	26	13	7	6	37	22	45
Colorado	29	10	8	11	39	37	41
Portland	27	9	12	6	33	41	33
Chivas USA	28	7	11	10	32	33	31
San Jose	27	6	10	11	29	35	29
Vancouver	27	4	13	10	28	43	22

Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Tonight's game
All Times Eastern
Houston at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Friday's game
New England at Portland, 11 p.m.

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

SECOND ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Los Angeles	2	1	0	0	4	0	6
Morelia	2	1	1	0	4	1	3
Alajuelense	2	1	1	0	1	2	3
Motogua	2	0	2	0	0	6	0

Last night's result
Los Angeles Galaxy (U.S.) at Morelia (Mexico)
Tomorrow's game
All Times Eastern
Alajeulense (Costa Rica) at Motogua (Honduras), 10 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Colorado	2	1	0	1	4	3	4
Isidro Metapan	2	1	1	0	4	3	3
Santos Laguna	2	1	1	0	3	4	3
Real Espana	2	0	1	1	2	4	1

Last night's results
Isidro Metapan (El Salvador) at Real Espana (Honduras)
Santos Laguna (Mexico) at Colorado Rapids (U.S.)

GROUP C

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
FC Dallas	2	2	0	0	2	0	6
Toronto FC	2	1	1	0	2	2	3
Tauro	2	0	1	1	1	2	1
Pumas	2	0	1	1	0	1	1

Tonight's games
Tauro (Panama) at FC Dallas (U.S.), 8 p.m.
Toronto FC (Canada) at Pumas UNAM (Mexico), 8 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pts
Seattle	2	2	0	0	5	1	6
Monterrey	2	1	1	0	5	1	3
Comunicaciones	2	1	1	0	3	4	3
Herediano	2	0	2	0	0	7	0

Tonight's games
Seattle Sounders (U.S.) at Herediano (Costa Rica), 10 p.m.
Monterrey (Mexico) at Comunicaciones (Guatemala), 10 p.m.

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Bayern Munich	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Villarreal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Manchester City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Napoli	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Today's games
Manchester City (England) vs. Napoli (Italy), 2:45 p.m.
Villarreal (Spain) vs. Bayern Munich (Germany), 2:45 p.m.

GROUP B

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Inter Milan	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
CSKA Moscow	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lille	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Trabzonspor	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Today's games
Lille (France) vs. CSKA Moscow (Russia), 2:45 p.m.
Inter Milan (Italy) vs. Trabzonspor (Turkey), 2:45 p.m.

GROUP C

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Manchester United	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Benfica	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Basel	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Otelul Galati	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Today's games
Basel (Switzerland) vs. Otelul Galati (Romania), 2:45 p.m.
Benfica (Portugal) vs. Manchester United (England), 2:45 p.m.

GROUP D

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pts
Real Madrid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lyon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ajax	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dinamo Zagreb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Today's games
Dinamo Zagreb (Croatia) vs. Real Madrid (Spain), 2:45 p.m.
Ajax (Netherlands) vs. Lyon (France), 2:45 p.m.

GROUP E

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Chelsea	1	1	0	0	2	0	3
Valencia	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Genk	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
Bayer Leverkusen	1	0	0	1	0	2	0

Yesterday's results
Chelsea (England) 2 Bayer Leverkusen (Germany) 0
Genk (Belgium) 0 Valencia (Spain) 0

GROUP F

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
Marseille	1	1	0	0	1	0	3
Arsenal	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Borussia Dortmund	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Olympiakos	1	0	0	1	0	1	0

Yesterday's results
Borussia Dortmund (Germany) 1 Arsenal (England) 1
Olympiakos (Greece) 0 Marseille (France) 1

GROUP G

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
FC Porto	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
APOEL	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Shakhtar Donetsk	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Zenit St. Petersburg	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Yesterday's results
APOEL (Cyprus) 2 Zenit St. Petersburg (Russia) 1
FC Porto (Portugal) 2 Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 1

GROUP H

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	Pt
AC Milan	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
Barcelona	1	0	1	0	2	2	1
BATE Borisov	1	0	1	0	1	1	1
Viktoria Plzen	1	0	1	0	1	1	1

Yesterday's results
Barcelona (Spain) 2 AC Milan (Italy) 2
Viktoria Plzen (Czech Republic) 1 BATE Borisov (Belarus) 1

5 drive

Monster engine

The Dodge Charger SRT8's potency has been significantly enhanced for 2012.

The previous 2010 SRT8 (a 2011 version was never offered) generated 425 horsepower and 420 pound-feet of torque from a 6.1-litre "Hemi" V-8.

What's now being served up is a 6.4-litre Hemi that produces 470 horsepower and 470 pound-feet of torque.

What's more, a significant amount of that torque kicks in below the 3,000-r.p.m. range to help enhance the car's off-the-line scoot.

Hustle and (gas) flow

The SRT's development team will brag that the chunky 1,985-kilogram Charger can hustle to 60 m.p.h. (96 km/h) from a dead stop in "the high four-second range" and is capable of a 280 km/h top speed.

To try to keep the SRT8's premium-gas habit within an acceptable range, the engine uses Chrysler's latest deactivation technology that cuts out half the cylinders over a wider r.p.m. range for an estimated 25 per cent increase in highway fuel economy (8.0 l/100 km, est.).

Brembo brakes

Perhaps the most obvious SRT8 feature is its very distinctive 20-inch (and nine-inch-wide) polished aluminum wheels that really set this beast apart from mainstream Chargers.

To haul the big, bad Dodge down in a hurry, there are front and rear Brembo-brand four-piston brake calipers and a special underbody ducting that help keep the brakes cooler and more fade-resistant.

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Into this eco-minded age of milquetoast hybrid and electric vehicles, the 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8 comes roaring back to life sporting a honking-big V-8 engine and a serious case of nose-thumbing attitude.

Consider this big family sedan a 21-gun salute to a bygone era when full-size North American family sedans could be optioned with a surplus of tire-smoking grunt that made its normally buttoned-down drivers smile gleefully from ear to ear while the neighbours simply ran for cover.

The Charger is no anomaly, but part of a family of SRT8-branded vehicles for the 2012 model year that also includes the Chrysler 300, Dodge Challenger and Jeep Grand Cherokee. They form what is one of the widest arrays of all-out performance machinery available anywhere.

Compared to the previous SRT8, this one bares its teeth in a more menacing fashion.

The basic Charger underwent a 2011 refit that gave it a sleeker and more aggressive look, improved road manners and a new base V-6.

The SRT8 expands on this theme.

Needless to say, the $54,000 (estimated) SRT8's performance and creature comforts would amaze its Hemi Charger ancestors.

That a car like this even exists in this day and age is perhaps the most amazing fact of all.

By comparison

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Base price: $74,300
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Charger SRT8

What you should know about the 2012 Dodge Charger SRT8:

- **Types:** Four-door, rear-wheel-drive full-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 6.4-litre OHV V-8 (470).
- **Transmission:** Five-speed automatic with paddle shifters.
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 15.0/8.0 (est.).

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▶ Silver/grey is the most popular shade for cars in the world. However, on cars like the Ford Fiesta, colours such as lime green present a somewhat radical alternative.

Never underestimate the power of paint

Ford constantly on the lookout for 'trend' colours

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When it comes to cars, what's on the outside can be vitally important. According to Ford, up to 40 per cent of us will walk out of a dealership if we can't buy a car in the colour we want.

The automaker is always on the lookout for new shades, checking fashion, technology and even colours from other cultures that buyers may have seen on the Internet, according to Susan Swek, Ford's chief designer of colour and materials design.

"There are people who want grey, silver, black or white time and time again," Swek says. "But we do offer some colours that we call 'trend' colours. The hot magenta on the Fiesta is a one-year trend colour, where it's polarizing. A lot of people won't like it, and a lot will buy it."

Only about 3 per cent of buyers will choose these short-lived trend paints, but if a colour does better than expected, the company will carry it over for another year.

Auto manufacturers face some of the longest lead-in times of any consumer products; Swek and her team recently finalized the colours for 2014 vehicles and are working on the 2015 models. In addition to research for its aesthetic appeal, each colour is also weather-tested for a year to be sure it won't fade or peel in the sun.

Silver/grey is the most popular shade around the globe, and in Canada, 22.3 per cent of buyers choose it. Black, the next in line, accounts for only 14.1 per cent.

"Silver has actually been a huge seller for a long time," Swek says. "It's probably because silver looks good on almost any type of body style you put it on, anything from a small car to a truck, a large car or a crossover."

Picking the colours to offer on each model is a combination of market research and "eyeballing," Swek says.

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▶ Susan Swek, Ford's chief designer of colour and materials design.

"Design is kind of an intuitive thing. You look at the product and you know it's right or it's not right."

The bright green Lime Squeeze that looks so appropriate on a small Fiesta wouldn't be applied to a big truck because it wouldn't look right, Swek says.

Higher-end cars tend to wear subdued colours and their paint is usually more expensive and richer-looking.

"We're starting to see people open to a little more colour on some luxury products," Swek says.

"But there are always colours that will never be luxury. We don't envision bright pink on a Lincoln."

Canada's colours

▶ Atlantic Canadians buy more gold and red cars, while Albertans and Quebecers buy more blue. Those in Ontario are most likely to buy black and least likely to buy blue. Green cars are most popular in B.C., Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

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CAR WASH OPTIONS HAVE VARYING GREEN RAMIFICATIONS

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Getting your car washed is good. But unfortunately it's not an all-encompassing good.

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▶ Believe it or not, but this is actually a safer alternative to washing your car in your driveway.

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We can never stop open-window dementia, but we can help the planet wince just a bit less, by understanding which are the greener car wash options.

First off, washing vehicles in your driveway may sound green but it's not. In many cities it's even illegal to wash your car with soap, and/or wash a very filthy vehicle. The concern is that your run-off is going to end up — untreated — in a city's storm drain system. Calgary and Toronto have the stiffest fines for washing vehicles in driveways, and its no coincidence they both rely on nearby water bodies for their drinking water (Elbow and Bow Rivers, and Lake of Ontario, respectively).

For that reason both cities heartily recommend that citizens frequent professional car washing establishments for their clean car fixes.

According to Jorge de Mendonca, of the Canadian Carwash Association, commercial washes have holding tanks designed to contain the worst of the run-off. When full, these tanks are pumped out by appropriately licensed carriers. The semi-treated water is then directed to a municipality's sanitary water system, which includes that crucial stop at a treatment plant.

If you're hell bent on washing your car at home, do it without soap, and/or do it on your lawn, which means no run-off to the storm drain and your grass gets a bit of a drink.

Commercial car washes also tend to use less water than home washes. Self-serve car washes use the least — about 57 litres per wash. In-bay automatic washes, where the car remains stationary, use about 190 to 228 litres. Automatic conveyer touch washes use about 250 litres, while automatic conveyor touches systems use about 324 litres. Don't forget that some operations also recycle some water, but they're in the minority.

There is a new North American-wide initiative afoot, called Watersavers, which will certify and promote car wash operations that are on the cutting edge of cutting water usage.

"The target is about 40 gallons (150 litres) per wash," says Mendonca. He adds that 40 gallons is about how much water is used in a typical (human) bath.

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Technically, we're still in summer

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Test Drive. Nissan 370Z Roadster

You're looking at the 370Z, the successor to Nissan's hugely popular 350Z.

This topless roadster is a sexy, fast and affordable sports car. With a long bonnet and short rear, the car is smartly Japanese but is a Californian at heart — that's where it was designed.

The engine is a brutish 3.7-litre V-6 that produces 332 horsepower and makes a fantastically loud noise under full acceleration. This model has a seven-speed automatic gearbox, but with manual paddle shifters — that sit behind the steering wheel — for those times when you want a bit more fun.

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Best thing:
Even with the roof down there is no flex in the car's body, which is unusual for a convertible. Oh and the price ... so much sports car for so little money compared to its rivals.

Worst thing:
Fuel consumption and emissions reflect the raw power of that V-6 engine, too.

Performance

The front-engine rear-wheel drive setup is tops for sports cars. Brilliantly, if you floor the throttle at standstill, the car has enough power to cause its rear wheels to lose grip. Don't do that on public roads, though!

Exterior

Outside the cool, curvaceous styling with sharp looking 19-inch alloys and similarly edgy lamp design suggest the hardcore nature of the drive.

Interior

The power seats and steering wheel are in leather, and black suede door trim means there is far less plastic this time around. Details, including aluminium finish on the dials and aluminium pedals, create contrast.

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▶ A hostess sits on the Alfa Romea Concept Car 4C during the press day of the Frankfurt Auto Show in Germany. The fair opens its doors to the public tomorrow to Sept. 25.

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Top Gear

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1

Many of the pricier new cars on the market offer an electronic "blind-spot" system that warns the driver of vehicles passing from behind.

But for people who are forced to pilot older or more plebeian vehicles, the Autobahn Mirror is an inexpensive alternative. The base of the mirror affixes unobtrusively to the lower inside corner of your car's windshield using the supplied double-sided tape. It's 4.75-inch (12-centimetre) convex surface and adjustable two-piece arm completely eliminates the blind spot without blocking your forward vision.

The Autobahn Mirror sells for about $32 US and can be purchased from autobahnmirror.com, or from a variety of online resellers.

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Not long ago, anyone looking to fabricate parts for his or her hot rod, classic car or other project would need to spend some major cash to purchase their own Computer Numerical Control (CNC) machine. Torchmate has developed the required hardware and software that's within reach of the serious hobbyist.

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Subaru WRX

- **Starting Price (WRX 5-Door):** $33,395.
- **Engine:** 2.5-litre boxer four-cylinder with intercooled turbocharger, 265 horsepower.
- **Observed Average Mileage:** 10.2L / 100km (requires premium fuel).

The Subaru Impreza WRX owners community will probably send a scary guy with a baseball bat to visit me for this comment, but for years before its latest 2011 update, the WRX has looked a little bit awkward.

With many body elements borrowed from the ultra high-performance STI version of the standard WRX, Subaru's latest is notably more focused and aggressive.

It's wider, fitted with new front and rear fascias, and includes four exhaust pipes that could nearly swallow your fist. Looks like some teenagers got their hands on mommy's Visa and took it on an all-expenses paid trip to go-fast-goody land.

That widened body gives the latest WRX a fantastic stance while allowing engineers to increase track width for more planted handling. That's backed up by heavy suspension modifications and wider tires. And of course, Symmetrical, always-on All Wheel Drive.

The gist? Where dynamics are concerned, this latest WRX cranks the dial to 11.

Drivers get high-performance traction on any surface. Just point the car, squeeze the throttle, and hold your course, and it goes about ripping corners to shreds. Powering up your rally-driving adventures is Subaru's staple 2.5-litre four-cylinder boxer engine, fitted with variable valve timing and an intercooled turbocharger for this application. The latter forces cool, compressed air and high-octane gas into the engine on command to crank out 265 horsepower.

The engine is torquey and responsive in gentle driving, where it'll also turn in decent fuel mileage and operate with minimal noise. But that's no fun.

Hammer down, and the Subaru boxer engine makes it trademark lumpy V-8 sound effects off the line before delivering a delightful high-r.p.m. growl overlapped by whining noises from the turbocharger and gearbox. At full throttle, it sounds just like a rally car.

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▶ The WRX has a proven reputation for safety, and since it's a five-door, you can tell that apprehensive, family-minded significant other that it's a station wagon.

A manual five-speed transmission is the only gearbox available, and it operates with a slick-shifting feel despite a relatively tall shifter and long throw. The clutch is aggressive but also easy to use in traffic, and sporty pedals with ideal spacing make heel-and-toe shifting a breeze.

Light and easygoing steering allows drivers to direct the WRX's capable chassis around with minimal effort, effectively encouraging exploration of the machine's limits. And for all the grip, the ride isn't terrible at all.

Drawbacks? The WRX's interior is starting to look and feel plenty dated, and certain interior trim bits feel downright low-budget.

Some vehicles at this price point treat you to a really upscale cabin, but in the WRX, you're investing more in the hardware under the hood, and under the floor.

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Looking for a used family hauler that doesn't make a scene, is easy to park, and doesn't burn through fuel like a refinery fire? Skip the rest of this write-up on the Hummer H2.

Launched for the 2003 model year, this Hummer featured 325 horsepower, a gargantuan body, and more off-road hardware than most of its owners would come close to needing. Big, tough and aggressive, the H2 was a fashion statement as much as a rock-crawling weapon.

Look for automatic climate control, power accessories, leather seats, Bose audio, auto-dimming mirrors and plenty more.

2003-10 Hummer H2

Engine

H2's six-litre, 325-horsepower engine was replaced in 2008 with a 6.2-litre unit that cranked out 393 ponies. The four-speed automatic was replaced with a six-speed unit, too.

What owners like

Most owners report that their H2s deliver a smooth and comfortable ride that's also quiet when driven modestly. Interior space and size, functionality, versatility and all-road confidence are other major plusses, alongside a built-in sense of adventure.

What owners dislike

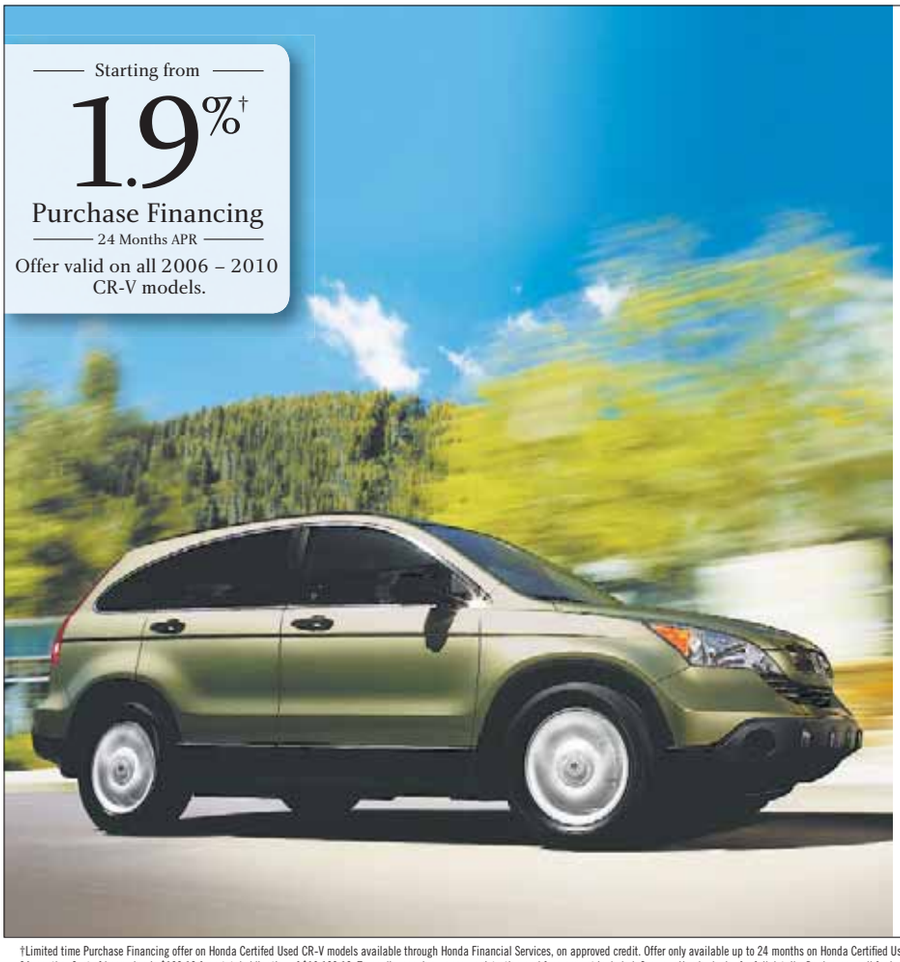
Gripes tend to centre around fuel consumption, parking difficulties, and issues fitting into snug quarters. Some owners wish for more performance from the factory Bose audio system, more in-cabin storage and more thoughtfulness to the ergonomics.

Common issues

Ensure your potential H2 tracks straight down the road, as some owners have reported alignment issues evidenced by a "pull" to one side or the other. Cycle the H2 between its two- and four-wheel drive modes as outlined in the owner's manual, ensuring the transfer case shifts properly. Check carpeting thoroughly for signs of moisture, which may be caused by clogged, kinked or leaky sunroof drain hoses. Also ensure that steering-wheel mounted controls for the audio system and cruise control work properly.

Verdict

A healthy Hummer H2 with a mechanical thumbs-up should prove a unique, flexible family hauler that's big on size and capability.



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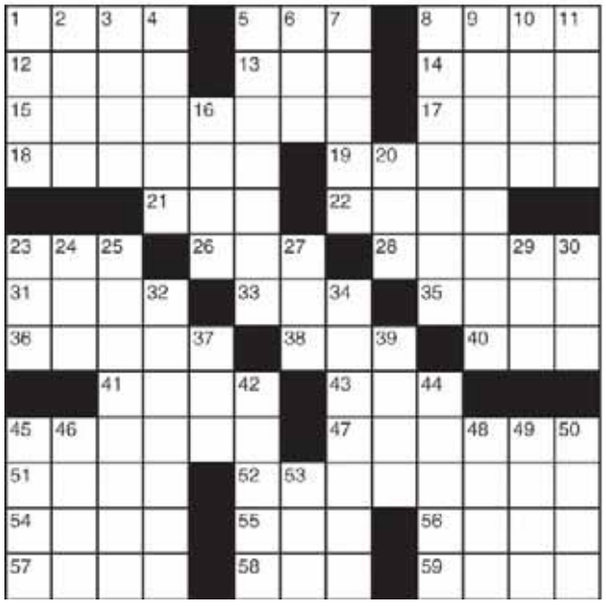

Across

1 Discourteous
5 Party bowlful
8 Satan's minions
12 Getting — years
13 Nipper's co.
14 "The Lion King" lioness
15 Woe
17 British gun
18 Surpass
19 Group of seven
21 Ex-garment
22 Eastern potentate (Var.)
23 Dog's "dog"
26 Brooks or Blanc
28 Filch
31 Promptly, on a memo
33 Dopey companion?
35 Catch sight of
36 Argentina's neighbour
38 Legislation
40 Witness
41 See to
43 Go up and down
45 Rub harshly against
47 Lack of vitality
51 Weeding tools
52 Stronghold
54 Otherwise
55 Raw rock
56 Carry on
57 Rolling stone's lack
58 Obtained
59 Choir voice

Down

1 Took the bus
2 Alternative to Windows
3 Platter
4 Go in
5 Coated in flour
6 Suffix with robot
7 High-ranking Turk
8 Notwithstanding, with "of"
9 Futon, for one
10 Entreaty
11 Beach stuff
16 Paper quantity
20 Type measures
23 — -Man (vintage video game)
24 Cigar residue
25 Diner employee
27 "That's funny," to a texter
29 Gorilla
30 Caustic solution
32 Satisfies
34 Life, to Sally Bowles
37 Tackle's teammate
39 Refuses to
42 Clear the air?
44 "Déja vu all over again" speaker
45 Throat clearer
46 String tie
48 Repast
49 "— It Romantic?"
50 Regarding
53 Acapulco gold

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

9		5		3		4	7	
	8	1						
			2					5
6		3	7					
2			1		3			6
					4	7		8
5					8			
						9	8	
	3	4		1		6		2

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

5	9	7	3	6	4	2	1	8
1	6	8	2	7	9	3	4	5
4	3	2	8	1	5	6	9	7
6	7	9	1	3	8	4	5	2
8	2	4	9	5	7	1	3	6
3	1	5	6	4	2	7	8	9
2	8	1	7	9	3	5	6	4
7	5	3	4	8	6	9	2	1
9	4	6	5	2	1	8	7	3

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FROM ME

Simba
You are a great handsome lion. And one day, you will be all mine. Until that day, I will wait patiently, having good fun times. I will smile and giggle ever so slyly at the idea of you and me. BIG lionness kiss, tender paw reaching for you all the way up to the full moon tonight. Playfully yours xo
FROM NALA

Maya burnaby ;)
Some love one Some love two I love one and that is you Maya.. Hoping for a chance to show you my love
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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 If you try too hard to impress your employer or someone else in a position of authority today you may end up doing more than is good for you.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Believe in yourself and the world will believe in you too.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Certain theories may seem convincing but you don't need to adopt what other people believe.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Don't get too adventurous financially because this is not a good time to take that kind of risk.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You need to be aware today of how your decisions impact on other people.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 Your confidence will get the kind of boost that makes all things seem possible.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 If you were planning something strenuous for today or tomorrow it might be wise to think again.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You will be called on to deal with a challenge to your authority.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It may seem as if you are at the mercy of events but it is how you react to those events that matters.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 You don't need to spend a fortune to get what you desire.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 Don't let the world stifle your creativity.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20. Do whatever it takes to free up some time for yourself and the things that you want to do.

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HWY: 7.4L/100KM (38 MPG)
CITY: 10.6L/100KM (27 MPG)

Sorento SX shown

$500 CASH BONUS[5]

Rondo EX-V6 shown

2012 RONDO

7 PASSENGER SEATING AVAILABLE

HWY: 7.5L/100KM (38 MPG)
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2011 SPORTAGE

MOTORING 2011 CAR OF THE YEAR

HWY: 6.9L/100KM (41 MPG)
CITY: 10.0L/100KM (28 MPG)

LAST CHANCE CLEAROUT

Sportage SX shown

LAST CHANCE CLEAROUT

International model shown[Ω]

2011 SOUL 1.6L MT

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HWY: 6.3L/100KM (45 MPG)
CITY: 7.7L/100KM (37 MPG)

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